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THE NEWEST shop in Crewkerne - Sassies - has brought stylish ladies fashion to Church Street courtesy of Michelle Costello, who opened her boutique on Thursday of last week, thanks to three weeks of frantic effort by her builder husband Mark and a great deal of support from family and friends.

Michelle remembers her first job in retail as a Saturday girl, when she was 14, for the former newsagent Raymar. More recently she has gained 16 years of experience selling Estee Lauder Cosmetics to party plan. Whilst raising a family, she also worked at West One Youth and Community Centre, was a foster parent and had been a care assistant at Ramus House, the former community care home.

Already she has had a great deal of interest, especially from women in the petite and extra large range who find it hard to get a good stylish fit. She also has a line of costume jewellery and evening bags .

60 seconds

WHY did you open in Crewkerne?

I think Crewkerne deserves something nice, I felt there was a niche in the market and why should we have to go to Sherborne. M&Co have everyday clothing and I have always had a passion for Adini which is well made and casual and I have also been lucky to have a range from Tina Taylor, a designer from Combe St Nicholas who sells well in Sherborne. I was looking for a local designer and hers are very beautiful and stylish but still reasonably priced.

ARE you looking for more local designers ?

Yes, I would be happy to see other designers. I love to support other local businesses, I have three Crewkerne ladies ready to do alterations for me and my counters were made by Creative Timber limited from Ilton and I can't speak highly enough of them, we were back and forth with measurements and they got it all done on time.

WHAT do you like most about your new venture?

I decided I was getting too old to always be always being told what to do and I love being here and giving something to people on the doorstep and hopefully make them feel good. I think it's an ideal spot with parking spaces opposite and passing traffic to look in.

WHAT style of clothes do you like?

I used to love rock and roll and years ago used to wear the dresses around all the local discos, there used to be so many going on. I feel for the youth of today. We were going to Le Roc at Martock until recently.

IF you could go to any era where would you choose?

It would have to be the 1950s, I love the clothes and the music - Elvis Presley, Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent.

WHAT three things would you like on your desert island?

I would have to have a radio for my music and some hair product because my hair is very curly and would go fuzzy. I'd also like a good book, I've just read the 50 Shades of Grey but didn't think it worth all that hype and I won't be bothering with the other ones. The last really good book I rad was The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo.

WHAT is your philosophy of life?

I do believe in fate and like to go with the flow and just do it. I couldn't have done any of this without the support of such wonderful friends and family, they have encouraged me all the way. My husband sold his car so I could do this.

WHAT made you decide to foster?

When I worked at West One, then at Yeovil children's centre, I saw a lot of children with key workers but not enough family involvement. I am a nurturing person and after we had a student from Bangkok stay with us for nearly a year, I saw how adaptable the family were and thought it was the next step.

IS there anywhere you would like to travel to?

WE stayed in touch with our student, that was eight years ago and I would love to go to Thailand and I am saving that up for when he gets married. Mind you we probably won't be having any holidays for a while now anyway, until I get things going here.

ANY thoughts for the future?

I will be looking to bring in a new range for next season, I have a suggestion book and am listening to what people need. There are plans afoot for a fashion show in March and I hope to team up with Fitting Pretty for that.

IF you had silly money what would you do?

I would like to keep Sassies here for the community but pay someone else to run it and just pop in. I would definitely want to do something for charities, the night shelter, mental health and heart charities but mostly for Crewkerne hospital. My granddad Chant was all about the hospital and if my Nan hadn't been able to go there I don't know what he would have done. We nearly lost it once and it is such a vital part of our community.

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Three new town councillors

By Marion Draper

AFTER several months of empty spaces around the Crewkerne Town Council table, three new councillors were brought into the fold through co-option at the meeting on Monday, November 26th.

One place had been vacant since August when the former deputy mayor resigned to care for her husband and the other two were vacated by Ron and Teresa Bond when they both left at the end of September following a disagreement over the funding of the George Reynolds Centre.

There was no call for an election so the five residents of Crewkerne who had come forward were voted on by the six councillors present at the meeting.

Four of gave a brief presentation to the councillors, the fifth, Roger Rousell was unable to be present due to a work commitment but the town clerk read out his resumé.

Mr Rousell (Independent) was elected with six votes, Ben Hodgson (LibDem) with five and Kathy Head (Conservative) with four.

All three stated that they did not want party politics involved in the town council.

Katie Pritchard who had been the only one to turn up at the previous meeting, hoping for co-option then, was very disappointed when she missed a place with three votes and the fifth candidate, Nick Clark received no nomination.

The process meant that each of the six councillors could only make one nomination or second one nomination and each had three votes, one for each place.

Apologies for absence had been given by councillors Mike Best, Alice Henessy and Rusty Jackson.

Roger Rousell has lived in the town for 22 years and plays an active role within the community as chairman of the museum management committee, a member of the Bincombe Beeches management team, a driver for the community transport vehicle and as an active member of the civic society.

He also volunteers more widely as a prison visitor, home checker for Ferne Animal Sanctuary and with Action Aid in Chard. He works with social services single parent programme, befriends clients at Mind, and is treasurer and coordinator of Somerset and Dorset Gay Community. Work wise he buys and sells collectables.

■ NO POLITICS: New councillor Roger Rousell

■ ENCOURAGE VISITORS: New councillor Ben Hodgson

■ YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: New councillor Kathy Head

Ben Hodgson is 28 and was brought up in Crewkerne. He is married, a chef at Oscars Wine Bar and has been an active member of Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society for the last ten years.

In May he became a father for the first time which he said focussed his mind on the importance of engaging with the community and being more proactive.

He said he wanted to support the ongoing improvement of the town and do more to encourage travellers to stop and enjoy its facilities. He also mentioned a community garden as a possibility for the Henhayes improvements.

Kathy Head has been a registered nurse for 42 years in various NHS organisations and currently works in Yeovil in support of all non-medical learners and is the work experience lead for the trust, working closely with local schools.

She is married to Paul a chiropodist within the town, and has lived in Crewkerne since 1987. She helps backstage as a member of CUDOS. From April she will be reducing her work hours and devoting more time to the community and wants to encourage more interaction with the local youth.

Allotment plots available

CREWKERNE Allotment Team has a few spare plots available at Lyewater, Crewkerne, and would like to hear from anyone interested in renting one.

The team was set up in 2011 by Jason Balfour who managed to obtain land in Lyewater to set up these allotments for the benefit of Crewkerne residents.

Members range from families with young children to single people and senior citizens, all of whom enjoy the tranquil and peaceful setting.

The allotments are not council owned and are leased from the owner of the land which is sloping.

Last year was mainly spent clearing the bushes, shrub and brambles from the site and marking out the 25 plots.

This year has been very productive, even with the bad weather, with a large number of the plots taken and a variety of produce grown. The members have just finished clearing the boundary ready for fencing to be installed, which will make the site secure, but this cannot be done until the weather improves.

At present they are applying for grants to build a compost toilet on the site next spring and in October they were lucky to have one of the charity boxes in Waitrose, although they have not yet received the money.

If anyone is interested in working one of the plots or would like more information, please contact the secretary Helen Johnson on 01460 76909.

Recreation plan

THE HENHAYES Recreational Grounds Enhancement Committee has delayed a planned public consultation.

A plan is being prepared for when the old sports club has been removed, which will incorporate playground changes, the addition of youth pitches and a circular level footpath for ease of use to all members of the community.

Former town councillor Teresa Bond who had done a lot of work on the project before her resignation, agreed to remain on the committee as a public volunteer to see it through.

When the plan is ready it will be available for comments and suggestions by all users.

Gas works

MAJOR Gas roadworks will commence in East Street Crewkerne starting in January and will take several weeks to finish by March.

Permanent car park?

AFTER consultation with South Somerset District Council, the town council will now be submitting a planning application for the temporary car park at Henhayes to be made permanent.

The tarmac surface will remain, not grasscrete as they had previously discussed.

They will be requesting a gravel soak away with grass overlay at the field edge to help reduce the risk of excess surface water. The boundary will be brought in by 2.1m to allow the correct size of rugby pitch and still allow for a proposed circular path around the entire field. Parking bays for the Henhayes Centre trustees will remain and the previous turning area will be smaller.

Fallen trees

THE SEVERE weather caused several trees to fall on Bincombe Beeches and the public have been urged by the town council and the management committee to stay away from the trees until the situation has been fully investigated and any works to make safe carried out.

Medals found

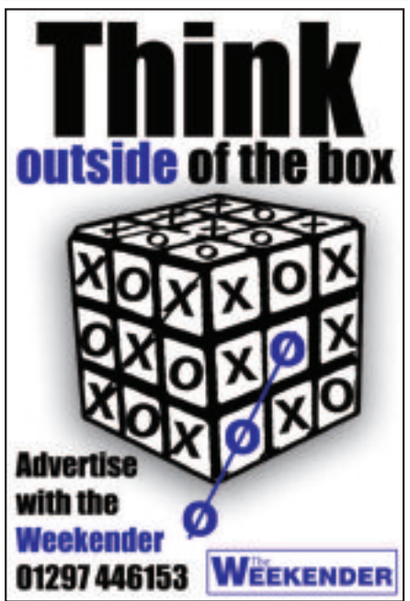
THE missing medals of Crewkerne veteran Toby Carter, mentioned in last week's edition, have turned up safe and sound and his wife Jackie would like to thank well-wishers for their help. There was no foul play involved and the police have been informed.

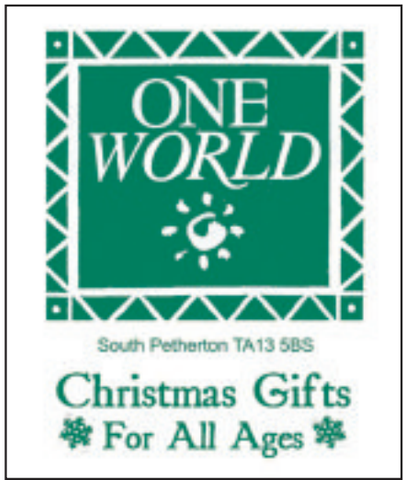
Red Cross need stock

CREWKERNE Red Cross shop are appealing for new stock., They are hoping that people having pre-Christmas turn out will bring them a range of quality used or nearly new items.

Cafe thanks

CREWKERNE Inner Wheel would like to thank everyone who supported their pop up cafe in the Rotary Shop which raised £400 for Children in Need. The Rotary Club topped it up to £500.





Council honours former mayor

■ Lieutenant Colonel Tony Dowse-Brenan 1923-2012

THE MAYOR of Crewkerne, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe, announced at the town council meeting on Monday that one of the town's foremost citizens and former mayor, Lieutenant Colonel Tony Dowse-Brenan had died.

All present in the council chamber observed a minute of silence in his honour.

Born in 1923, Tony Dowse-Brenan was a well- known figure to many in the town and had owned and run the St Martin's Preparatory School in Crewkerne until his retirement in 1994.

He had been the last chairman of Crewkerne Urban District Council and served on the town council until 1995. He had been a county councillor with a specific interest in education and health and also served on the district council.

Lt Col Dowse -Brenan was named as Crewkerne's first honoured citizen when the award was introduced in 1997 and had been an honourary alderman of South Somerset District Council since 2007. He was the first Chairman of Crewkerne Heritage Centre and had been involved with the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital for over 30 years, having been a key figure in the campaign to save it for the town.

He died peacefully at Moorlands Residential Home, Merriott, leaving his wife Elizabeth, daughters Frances and Annette and grandchildren Adam and George. The funeral will take place on Monday December 3rd at midday in Yeovil Crematorium. Donations in his memory can be given for the RSPCA , details from A E Stoodley and Son.

Reprieve for 202 bus route

COUNTY councillor John Dyke was pleased to be able to pass on good news to bus users after South West Coaches agreed to continue the service 202 Chard-Crewkerne-Dorchester until Christmas.

After that it will operate as an excursion on the first Wednesday of every month where a fare will be payable by all - concessions will be discounted.

A spokesman for South West Coaches informed councillor Dyke that there was no guarantee how long it would run for but said he was positive that at that frequency there would be enough use to sustain it.

Councillor Dyke commented: "In the circumstances, it is probably as good a result as could have been achieved. The petition I handed to County Hall on behalf of the passengers contained almost 150 signatures and a survey carried out seeing users' intentions for a paid monthly excursion was very useful in getting to this point."

The service was due to be cut on Wednesday, November 28th, after the bus company declared it uneconomic, despite being two thirds full, due to the majority of the passengers being on concessionary rates.

Local campaigners Marcus Barrett from Crewkerne and South Somerset District Councillor for Windwhistle ward, Sue Osborne, support the petitioners and had called on both county councils to work with the bus company for a practical solution.

They secured the support of Dorset MP and cabinet minister Oliver Letwin, whose constituency includes the second half of the bus route.

The MP wrote to Dorset County Council to see whether they could work urgently with Somerset County Council to put in place a temporary solution, while other options were being investigated.

Severalls bowls presentation night

■ **MEMBERS of Severalls Jubilee Bowling Club are pictured celebrating another successful year at their annual presentation dinner held at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Crewkerne on Saturday.**

Ward and Sibley Jewellers of Yeovil were once again the kind sponsors of the awards, which included prizes for the junior club members.

New beat manager in at the deep end

CREWKERNE neighbourhood beat manager PC Chris Purcell (pictured) has had a busy two weeks as the new man in charge.

When he introduced himself to the town council at their meeting on Monday, he said that in the two weeks since he took on the role from PC Louise Cowell, his team had been involved in two major operations.

Operation Relentless was a forcewide operation dealing with offenders that impact on the local community, warrants and drugs warrants were issued and in the first week 37 people were arrested and in week two 55 people.

The neighbourhood team had also been involved in helping the public during the floods in conjunction with the fire and rescue service and other authorities, for which the mayor thanked him.

In conclusion PC Purcell said they were still concentrating their efforts on shed and garage break-ins but in general the current crime rate in the Crewkerne area was low.

With the run up to the festive season, he said the police would be turning their attention to shoplifters.

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'Grease' is still the word

STUDENTS at Wadham School in Crewkerne enjoyed a trip back to Rydell High in the 1950s for the production of Grease.

T-Birds and Pink Ladies worked hard to make the show a success and in the programme director Jo Pulford said: "It has been a year full of amazing celebrations and outstanding events of Olympic proportions.

"For us, the school production is no exception and, as you will already know, Grease is the word! Whether you know all the lyrics that follow the phrase 'Ramalamalama' or you can replicate the dance moves from 'Greased Lighting', we all have memories of Mr Travolta strutting his stuff with Miss Newton-John, no matter which decade we were born in.

The students and staff here at Wadham have worked tirelessly to create their performance of this well know story that is original, entertaining and memorable. I am amazed at the way individual students have found a new confidence in their own ability and in some cases a deeper understanding of their own vocal or dramatic performance. It has been privilege to have been involved with such mature young adults not to mention the extraordinary role that staff have played this year in all areas of the event.

"It has been quite an adventure. I look back in awe over the last few weeks. Our cast, crew and musicians alike have shown commitment above and beyond what is asked of them and a multitude of talents beyond their years. It has been a genuine honour to work alongside the amazing Kellie Simpson and I know that we look forward to another fantastic Wadham production together.

"We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed directing it. Thank you cast and crew. You rock!"

The cast included: George Horgan, Danika Gawronski, Finn Barker, Georgia Flatt, Katie Jeffery, George Cleary, Jamie Spicer, Liberty Rowe, Kundai Munetsi, Violette Pepper, Carmel Green, George Marshall-James, Jasmine Clark, Sammi Tyali, Nathan Lord, Aimee Price, Keira Bird, Tom Wade-Allison, Josie Whitehead, Rachael Brittain, Lauren Woodland, Lisa Shearman, Maisie Bremer-Smith, Ashley Moon, Aoife Grey, Tom Bending, Rosie Blows, Lorraine Szczepanski, Harriett Hodder and guest star, teacher Tim Yeats who was Teen Angel

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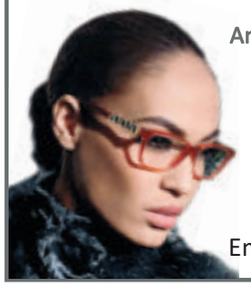
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I guess most of us would like to leave something to the children, but would they mind if you used some of the equity in your house? What has become a common practice in recent years is selling your family home and moving to something smaller, this can be a great idea but of course there are costs in selling and buying which do reduce your retirement funds. Another option is of course releasing equity in your own home, whilst not suitable for everyone this could be a real option for some.

As you probably only live once in this world, what would you do if you had just a bit more money? You could; have those holidays you've always dreamed of, that car you always fancied, the new kitchen, fix the roof, or considering the recent weather buy a boat, you could even give some to the children now. So how does it all work?

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Chef dives into daring fundraiser

By Marion Draper

IT was third time lucky on Remembrance Sunday for chef Mike Dagger, from Chard, who finally got to take his charity skydive having previously been cancelled twice due to poor weather.

Thanks to sponsorship by the customers of The Gallery Cafe bar and bistro where he works, Mr Dagger raised £590 for the Sunny Days Children's Fund - a national charity which raises funds to help children under 18 years with a wide range of adverse medical conditions, including leukaemia, cerebral palsy, the deaf and blind, terminal Illnesses, and all other life-hindering conditions.

The father of four took the dive in a tandem jump with experienced instructor Andrew Halloway, of Skydive99.com based at Dunkeswell airfield near Honiton.

Back on the ground but still high from the experience, he said: "It was good, I'm not going to say I wasn't nervous because that would be a lie. You watch a few movies and people are jumping out of aeroplanes and you think, 'yeah, that looks good' but it's Hollywood.

"When you're doing it, it's a definite thrill and a rush of adrenaline. The cancelling was tough because you build yourself up but it was third time lucky, on Remembrance Day as well, my poppy flew off.

"The weather was perfect. The view when I was up there, you could see the different coasts, it was stunning.

"When you jump out of the plane, that was awesome, just rushing through the air, your arms are out and there's just nothing like it. The parachute, to be honest, is just very slow but you realise how high you are and the view was spectacular.w

"When you are in free fall it's so fast and you can't hear anything but when the parachute opens. You can take off the goggles and talk to each other. The instructor asked if I wanted to steer but I didn't want to push my luck!

"Landing, I didn't feel anything at all. He was behind me and I don't know if he took all the brunt or what.

"I would do it again. I will support any cancer charity. We did Movember last year and I'll do anything for kids."

The Gallery would like to thank all their customers for supporting Mike's skydive and for their generosity in helping him achieve such a worthwhile result.

■ BACK ON SOLID GROUND: Michael Dagger with instructor Andrew Halloway
Photo courtesy of Skydive99.com

Council agrees to second round of community grants

CHARD Town Council's Finance and Guildhall Committee has agreed to offer a second round of grant funding.

The Community Development Fund seeks to help voluntary and community groups and charitable organisations in the town to set up new projects or enhance their current activities.

The first round of funding saw a variety of applications and, so far, a total of £5,200 has been awarded to seven local groups. The scheme is a fair way to assist with capital funding in Chard and will help target groups that will provide maximum benefit for people within town.

The council is seeking to support many different kinds of projects such as staging a one-off event, funding a pilot or one-off project or the purchase of new equipment. The scheme looks to support smaller scale groups with capital projects but will not cover revenue grants for running costs. The maximum amount available for each application is £1,000 with no minimum limit. Applicants will be expected to match fund part of the project costs with their own resources and supply financial statements and estimates where appropriate in accordance with the terms of the application.

The closing date for applications is Friday January 25th 2013 and application forms are available by downloading them from the Council's website www.chard.gov.uk or by contacting the town council on 01460 239567.

■ HOLYROOD Academy's Year 8 rugby team have had a successful term, culminating in them being crowned South Somerset Champions. Holyrood beat Chilton Cantello 47-0, Ansford 50-5 and†Huish Episcopi 29-5 to reach the final. Points scorers in the final were Angus Crouch with three, Jacob Mee two and Aaron Marlow one, captain Ieuan Watkins kicked two conversions. Holyrood now progress to the County Cup Semi-Finals where they meet the winners of the Mendip area.

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Chard Rangers hoping for a new leader this Christmas

■ WE NEED A LEADER: Chard Rangers are looking for a new leader

CHARD Rangers are looking for a new leader.

The Rangers are a group of 12 girls, aged between 14 and 17, with four more expected to join after Chrismas. They are the senior members of the Girl-guideing movement in Chard and take part in lots of different activities, from crafts and cookery to debates.

The group meets once a fortnight on a flexible basis to fit in with the girls' college and school work. Members are quite self-sufficient and plan what they are goimng to do themselves but, as they are under 18, they still need a leader.

The group's current leader is leaving this Christmas and a new over 18 volunteer is sought to take on the Rangers and prevent the group from closing.

Anyone interested should call 01460 238425 or email chardguides@hotmail.com or for more information about Rangers go to the website www.girlguiding.org.uk/seniorsection

New peer mediators keeping the school playground happpy

■ **WITH the national Anti-Bullying Week having just passed, Combe St Nicholas Primary School has taken its own steps to keep the playground friendly by appointing peer mediators. Six children from year six, work in pairs to resolve playground issues and keep the school a happier place. Pictured above are the new mediators Ruby, Isabel, Tom, Lily, Alicia and Natasha.**

If you have a story for South Somerset contact Marion Draper on 07771 641 506 or email marionsview@aol.com

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BATS children fly though beauty

By Marion Draper

CELEBRATING 25 years as a group, the younger members of Broadway Amateur Theatrical Society proved that there is great future for the productions to come when they sailed through their anniversary performance of Sleeping Beauty.

Under the choreography of experienced member Kelly Rice who had performed as a child herself in the group's first portrayal of the pantomime, assisted by Joss George, the youngsters had several character changes and different types of performances to give and made the transformation seamlessly.

They obviously enjoyed themselves, getting down to the explosive numbers of rock legends Queen, tiptoeing as flower fairies and rattling their bones as the very menacing skeletons, sidekicks to the evil fairy Deadly Nightshade, played with relish and great power by Jo Warren. Her chief sidekick, Compost, was a delightful character, always scratching due to worms, confidently portrayed by young actor Milly Whitefield who really lived the part.

There are a shortage of men in the membership and the traditional dame part really was a dame in this one, as Christine Trueman donned the sailor suit of Nanny Fanny and made the larger than life lady a force to be reckoned with.

King Jolly and Queen Merry - Roger and Jan Allen - brought a lovely cosiness to the stage, always tickling and being told off by their major domo Mr Primm (Ken Steed) for their lack of decorum.

Kid's favourite, the jolly chappie of the tale was Zipper played by Ben Overd, slighted in love by Velcro, Hannah Thursday who had become a lady in waiting and risen a little high but was soon brought back to earth and all was well in the end. The pair had great chemistry and facial expression. Fairy Snowdrop was the elegant Joss George and Lisa Souster was a charming Princess, pursued by Angela Stephens as Prince Nicholas and Maureen Pollard as the Prince's friend William.

The backstage team under stage manager Mark Savill should be congratulated on the set which was cleverly dressed with just a few items to give the right illusion, especially the scene where the prince hacked through the roses to find the palace. Lighting by Nick Urich was also used to great effect and the sound levels and cues under good control by Graham Reekes. The costumes by Carol Crane and her team were quite splendid.

Directed by Jane Brown with musical direction from Jo Warren, the script by Doreen Moger was witty and the chorus numbers were great, full of energy and fun. BATS always leave you smiling, what more could you ask?

■ YOUNG LOVE: Princess Aurora (Lisa Souster) and her Prince Nicholas (Angela Stephens)

■ UNLIKELY PAIR: Nanny Fanny (Christine Trueman) and Mr Primm (Ken Steed)

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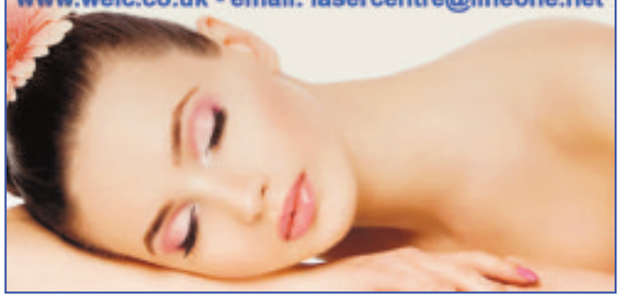

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Barrett Bros

BARRETT Bros the butchers based in Crewkerne have won four more certificates at the 2012 Smithfield Awards, a national product evaluation which is among the most coveted in the meat industry.

The prestigious awards are organised by the Q Guild of Butchers, which is the UK's top independent butchers' organisation and will be added to the gallery of awards, which already adorn the walls of the shop.

More than 400 products from Q Guild members across the UK were assessed in the product evaluation by an independent panel of judges, made up of both industry experts and lay judges.

Barrett Bros won a gold award for unsmoked back bacon and another for beefburgers. They also won a gold award for their country pork sausages, and silver for their steak and Stilton pasties.

Gary Pocock commented: "We're thrilled that our products have been recognised in the Smithfield Awards, and we're especially proud to have received three gold awards. As a Q Guild member, we regard ourselves as among Britain's best butchers, and these awards prove that we have the products to match. "Winning a Smithfield Award definitely adds value and prestige to our business as a whole." Established in 1986, The Q Guild promotes traditional craft skills and award winning meat products. Its members in the UK from Shetland to Cornwall serve £3 million worth of meat and related products to over a quarter of a million UK consumers every week.

Gary Pocock celebrates 30 yeas running the business this year. Barretts first butchers shop was in South Street, seen here decked out for Christmas 1888, the year the firm was first established. They later they moved to Market Street.

■ BEAUTIFUL BANGERS: Gary Pocock of Barrett Bros

■ Barrett Bros in 1888

Whitney Farm

DAN and Sarah Dunning won the tenancy of Whitney Farm in 2008. It's easy to see Dan is enthusiastic about the farm, "We really appreciate the chance to run a County Council tenant farm, at a time when Somerset is selling off its farms. Though we may not have long here, our passion is to produce fresh, free-range, really tasty produce, using traditional farming methods, and native breeds enables us to do this."

Food and farming go hand in hand, both are extremely important to Dan and Sarah. Their love of quality food and attention to detail certainly gives them an edge when it comes to the quality of their products and service. Sarah, full time mum and Farmers wife says, "We feel really strongly that people should be able to buy quality food, at an affordable price direct from the producer. Cutting out the middle man ensures you know exactly how the food you are eating has been produced, and at the same time makes it more affordable."

Dan is really enthusiastic about the tradition of eating Goose at Christmas, "Rearing Geese for Christmas is an important part of our history. Until the Turkey was introduced to this country, Goose was the traditional bird of choice. We are happy to be encouraging the recent re-growth in this tradition. Christmas dinner is the most special meal of the year, why would anyone want to spoil it with turkey?"

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Victorian theme festive fun as town

By Marion Draper

A WELCOME break in the recent poor weather came just in time for Ilminster Christmas lights and Victiorian evening.

The honour of the big switch-on fell to one of Ilminster's favourite residents, Joan Olds, who throroughly enjoyed her big moment.

Along with the decorated shop windows, there were windows of entertainment spread along Silver Street and many of the shopkeepers and businesses throughout the town dressed for the Victorian theme. Ilminster Lions Club supplied the crowds with mulled wine and those heading to Robert Stone & Co. or an accountant speed-dating session - a twist on ususal speed-dating in which visitors could put accountacy questions to the professionals - were greeted by a sweetie and Christmas cake stall.

Ilminster Town Band set up in the garden next to Lanes Garden Shop, while Val Mounstevens played seasonal tunes on her organ outside Bilbys, and Queen Victoria was spotted holding audience in Barclays Bank.

Not wishing to be left out, Tea Tree owners Sarah and Mick O'Sullivan got into the spirit by bringing a pancake barrow down to the square.

The Martock Christian Fellowship Puppet Team was a very popular addition to the event, performing over the wall of Greenfylde School with their up-beat version of the Christmas story. The show drew such a crowd that the road was blocked at one point.

The Salvation Army band were outside the Dolphin and the band from HMS Heron and Swanmead School Choir kept the festive atmosphere going in the Market House.

Father Christmas was in demand at the Ile Youth Centre in Frog Lane and there was such a long line of children waiting that he ran out of gifts but the remaining youngsters were still able to visit him and put in a request for Christmas Eve.

Bryan and Elizabeth Ferris won the fancy dress cup presented by Clinton Bonner, in memory of his father, and the new children's lantern parade, judged by Santa himself, was won by five-year-old Lachlan Rice, from Seavington.

Best dressed window went to Marecambo the bakers, dressed by Gemma Miller and Michelle Swain. Newcomers Ilminster Home Hardware aalso put in great effort with a portrait of Queen Victoria and her dog, drawn by Kate Wyatt.

The Lions Club were raffling a Christmas Hamper which was presented by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers. The winner was Janet Casey.

■ CHARD VISITORS: Bex, Lucy and Jen Porter, Andy Neville and Keith Porter

■ CUP OF GOOD CHEER: Ilminster Lions Dave Case, Nigel and Ann Clymow, Phil Linley and Rosemary Jackson with mulled wine

■ LANES GARDEN SHOP: Molly Meakins, Rita Denman, James and Mandy Meakins

■ LANTERN WINNER: Santa gives Lachlan Rice his prize

■ IN THE SPIRIT: Sweet Surprise showed off fantastic Victiorian costumes. Below, Swanmead School choir

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switches on its Christmas lights

■ WINDOW WINNER: Michelle Swann at Marecabo. Above left, Darcy Beaumont and Joseph Sainsbury. Above, fancy dress winners Elizabeth and Bryan Ferriss and, left, Joan Olds lights up Ilminster

■ LANTERN FUN: Niamh Danch, Leyla Tunc, William Danch and Emre Tunc

■ GARDEN MUSIC: Ilminster Town Band and, below, Matthew Dyer, George Pole and Michael Haw

Get prepared for a cold winter say oil distributors

OIL distribution industry trade association, FPS (Federation of Petroleum Suppliers) is urging homeowners and businesses who use oil for heating to get themselves prepared for winter now as forecasters have warned that a 'big freeze' could begin by early December - and we could be facing one of the coldest winters for more than a decade.

The Met Office has already briefed the Government to prepare for a colder than average winter with temperatures expected to drop significantly at the end of November, at which time ice and frost are likely to cause transport problems and there will be a significant risk of heavy snow.

Oil Distributors across the country are urging their customers to check their oil levels and oil tanks and not to be caught out by the bad weather that is forecast. Chief Executive of the FPS, Mark Askew comments: "We launched a buy oil early campaign in September in association with the Government and Consumer agencies, ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), Citizens Advice Bureau and Consumer Focus but many people still haven't heeded our advice. We are urging people not to leave it to the last minute when the bad weather has taken hold and tanker drivers struggle to get through on roads covered in snow or ice.

Our members remind customers that they should order early, but people have got into a pattern of ordering the minimum quantity. Customers have had a trend of ordering 500 litres and then run out in the middle of the worst weather, when tanker drivers just can't get to them. We are trying to educate people to think ahead and be prepared.

In winter, the UK can also experience shortages of heating oil at terminals. Demand is obviously governed by the weather and a prolonged cold snap, such as the Met Office is forecasting, means that the terminals are unable to provide product quickly enough and consumers can run out whilst waiting for deliveries as distributors have to go further afield to get supplies."

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- Frame of Mind
- The Tea Tree
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- Minster Pharmacy
- Gordon Stoker & Son
- Richard Stent Optometrists
- The Monks Yard
- Ilminster Arts Centre
- Just Things
- Ilminster Home Hardware

Amusing and moving tale by South Petherton drama group

By Marion Draper

SOUTH Petherton Combined Arts Society drama group pulled off a highly amusing and very moving portrayal of the touching tale "The Memory of Water" by Shelagh Stephenson.

The interaction between three sisters, brought together for their mother's funeral, their dead mother popping up in one daughter's subconscious and the addition of one hard done by husband, a long term lover and an absent boyfriend made for a rollercoaster of emotion and family skeletons falling from cupboards.

The sisters, all very different characters played to the hilt by Judith Turtle, Irene Glynn and Lydia Greentree, touched on a part of someone known to most of us and revealed every side of human nature.

There was an hilarious scene when all three, stoned on marijuana, turned sorting mother's clothes into a comical fashion parade. Irene's excellent portrayal of Teresa, the organising sister, falling into complete drunken idiocy when passed the whiskey bottle, was both touching and hilarious. Lydia as Catherine, was the epitome of the selfish younger sister, seemingly more concerned with her new shoes and mystery stomach pain than anything else, constantly bugging sister Mary - obviously a medical woman - with her symptoms.

In turn Mary, sympathetically played by Judith, turned out not to be the clinical figure first introduced but also had a deep emotional secret. Their mother, the ethereal Vi, was captured in essence by Hilary who took the audience with her every word.

Peter Schofield gave everyone a fright when he turned up at the window as the married lover Mike, stringing Mary along whilst caring for his "sick" wife and everyone could feel for Frank, the long suffering husband of Teresa, played by Mick Glynn.

With one set - the bedroom of the deceased - and a small cast, this was the perfect show for the intimate David Hall, with there being no stage to separate the audience, there was an even stronger draw into the "room". An excellent performance perfectly presented and well worth the flood diverted journey to see.

■ NOT GONE YET: Hilary Pallister as the deceased Vi

■ SEEING HER OFF: Mick Glynn, Peter Schofield, Judith Turtle, Irene Glynn and Lydia Greentre

Christmas boxes ready to go

VOLUNTEERS have been beavering away for the last few weeks in the local warehouse of Operation Christmas Child, once again checking and loading the precious shoeboxes of joy for children in far away places. The lorry which will take all the boxes away is due on Monday. December 3rd and once more a team from RNAS Yeovilton will help with the packing.

Coordinator Pam Hodge said the massive effort every year was incredible, not just the many boxes coming in from schools, groups and individuals but the loyal helpers who work throughout the year, knitting hats, mittens and scarves and wrapping video boxes to be used as containers for sewing kits or as pencil cases.

Over the past 22 years, through OCC, Samaritan's Purse has delivered 94 million shoeboxes to needy children in over 100 countries and is looking to lift this total to 100 million and beyond this Christmas.

Samaritan's Purse UK executive director Simon Barrington said: "We want to remind the children of the world that, whatever their circumstances, people in the UK do care about them and are thinking about them this Christmas."

Shoeboxes can be created online from £11 and Shoebox World will be taking orders from anyone living in the UK, or those with UK credit cards living abroad, up to and including Christmas Day.Go to: http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/shoebox-world/

■ CHECKING AND PACKING: Joyce Pickering, Sally Gray, Hannah Newitt, Pam Hodge, Lyn Singleton and Betty Long

weekender life

arts & entertainment

Women's networking group Christmas social

A LOCAL women's business networking group, South-west Women in Regional Enterprise (SWIRE), is holding its Christmas Social at Monks Yard, Ilminster TA19 9PT, on Thursday, December 6th at 7pm. The event is open to all members, but SWIRE also welcomes enterprising women who are interested in finding out more about SWIRE.

The Christmas Social promises to be a fun evening out, with plenty of time to network, a delicious three course meal for just £25.95, and a free raffle with prizes that include: a one-hour yoga and life coaching session, free AA membership, a Phoenix cards gift box, bottle of bubbly chocolates, body products and lots more.

To find out more about SWIRE and the Christmas Social, email: julie@lifetouchcoaching.co.uk

Fast-rising comedy star in Taunton

CHRIS Ramsey, as seen on Celebrity Juice, Never Mind The Buzzcocks, 8 Out Of 10 Cats, and soon to be playing the lead role in brand new BBC 2 sitcom, Hebburn, will be performing in Taunton tonight (Friday, November 30th).

The Foster's Comedy Award nominee brings his hugely anticipated new show, *Feeling Lucky*, to Taunton's Brewhouse Theatre from 8pm.

Tickets cost £10, to check availability or to book call 01823 283244

What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge

IT WAS a magical sight to see the town full of seasonal cheer on Victorian evening. At the arts centre we welcomed well over a thousand people through the doors and thanks go to all our volunteers who helped on the night, and contributed to the wonderful atmosphere.

With the switching on of Ilminster's Christmas lights, the countdown to the big day has truly begun, and to celebrate we host the **Christmas Collection** from the 4th-22nd. Enjoy a more relaxing shopping experience as you browse a range of beautifully made goods by artists and craftspeople in our galleries. Our well-stocked Craft Shop also has a wide selection of gift ideas to suit all tastes and pockets.

Find inspiration at our vibrant **Local Craft and Produce Market** on 1st, experience the festive buzz of our **Christmas Fair** on 8th, and get wrapped up in the nostalgia of our popular **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 22nd. Don't forget to take a break in our Café. With a range of delicious lunches, cakes and coffees to choose from, it is the perfect place to unwind.

If you are feeling particularly creative or would just like to indulge in some 'me' time then get along to one of our workshops! This month choose from **Crazy Patchwork**, **Knit Tog**, **Rag Rugs** and **Felt Making** or book your place on one of our brilliant new workshops starting in 2013.

As a registered charity, IAC relies on donations to stay open. You can now support the arts centre while doing your Christmas shopping online. Simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, click on 'I Want to Support a Good Cause' button, choose 'Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House' as your cause, and follow the instructions to register your details. Next time you shop online, do so via the retailer links on the easyfundraising website and a donation will be made automatically by the retailer at no cost to yourself. It really is that easy!

We close for Christmas on 22nd December at 3.30pm and re-open on 14th January at 9.30am. We have an exciting programme of events coming up in the New Year so keep an eye on our website: www.themeetinghouse.org.uk, or sign up to our e-newsletter to receive information about forthcoming events. Our new brochure is due out very soon so pop in and pick up a copy on your next visit.

On behalf of everyone at Ilminster Arts Centre, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Pete Wheeler's Review of November at The David Hall

NOVEMBER turned out to be another very special month as far as music at The David Hall was concerned.

Steve Tilston's performance was fantastic as he delighted the large audience with a mixture of his long-established material together with many new songs. Having his Trio with us for the first time proved to be a great coup as both Keith Warmington (harmonica) and Stuart Gordon (fiddle) added texture to Steve's unique voice and quality of guitar playing.

This was followed by a night of charming song and chat in the presence of Anthony John Clarke, joined by Fairport Convention's very own Dave Pegg. The event confirmed what I already knew: that Anthony John is one of the most poignant writers of songs - many showing off his Irish roots - performing today.

Another night of quality music was enjoyed by a large audience for the gig by Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Kathryn has without doubt one of the best female voices on the Folk circuit and her husband, Sean, being a member of the Lakeman family, is - as you would expect - a brilliant musician. This was a night enjoyed by all.

The month finished in a totally madcap manner with the Three Bonzos and a Piano giving an unforgettable and unique performance which brought back all the memories of the wonderful Bonzo Dog Do Dah Band with the benefit of many new songs. Everyone left with a smile on their faces

Pete Wheeler's Preview of December at The David Hall

DECEMBER starts with two of the country's finest singer/songwriters – Johnny Coppin and Mike Silver – appearing together for the first time at The David Hall on Saturday , December 1st. A night of well-crafted songs, sung by two great voices with quality guitar accompaniment, is guaranteed. Johnny and Mike's new album, Breaking the Silence, is brilliant, and much of this will be performed live on Saturday.

Johnny Coppin hosts an Acoustic music show on BBC Somerset radio every Sunday lunchtime between 1 - 2 pm - which, if this is your sort of music, should not be missed.

BREAKING THE SILENCE
Johnny Coppin and Mike Silver

St. Agnes Fountain, who will be with us on both Friday 7th and Saturday, December 8th, have become a Christmas institution. Traditional Christmas music played in a very modern way by four fantastic musicians, namely: Chris While, Julie Matthews, David Hughes and Chris Leslie. The Saturday night performance has sold out already but there are a few tickets left for Friday.

CHRISTMAS THEME | Belshazzar's Feast will play a festive show

The last gig of this year is with the duo, Belshazzar's Feast, on Saturday, December 15th - which, again, will have a Christmas flavour. Paul Hutchings and Paul Sartin will provide an evening mixing wit, sentiment, passion, humour and great musicianship. Never has an accordion and fiddle combination sounded better! Their new album, Stocking Fillers, has been released for this tour and is really terrific

This brings us to the end of the music programme at The David Hall in December but the venue has much more to offer so please check the website – www.thedavidhall.org.uk - for what is going on. Petherton Picture Show's Friday film nights are extremely popular and again, the website gives full listings. Tickets for all events can be booked on 01460 240 340 or via email - boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk Plus, The David Hall's programme for January – June 2013 will be out any day now! If you do not receive a copy and would like to, please call 01460 240 340. Details will also be available on the website - www.thedavidhall.org.uk

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Pete Wheeler of Petherton Arts Trust

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Codeword

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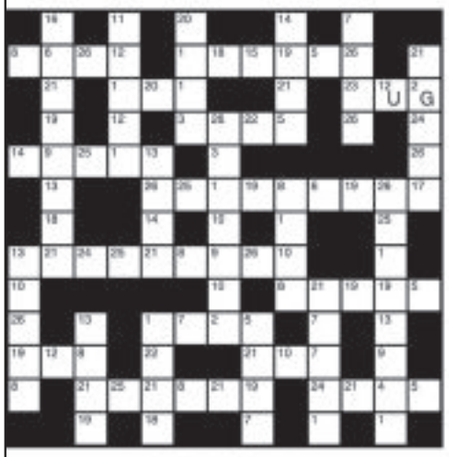

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
M	W	P	X	J	C	S	L	K	Q	F	G	D
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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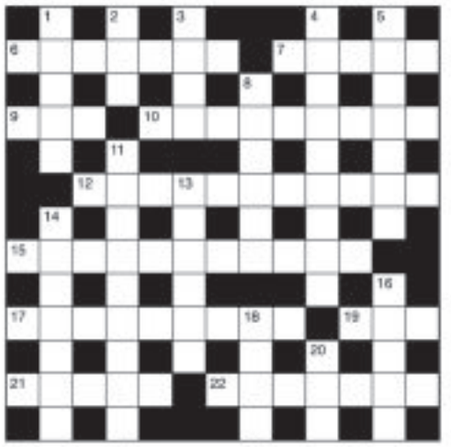
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Swift seller (3,4)
7. He refuses to settle (5)
9. The time in which the race was run (3)
10. Capital charge not dealt with in lower courts? (5,4)
12. Wrong way to make wealth! (5,3,3)
15. Raiment last altered for an old language teacher (5,6)
17. It is clear in composition, and practical (9)
19. Not against the professional (3)
21. One is upset by such a din (5)
22. Quite different people have it in common (7)

Down

1. Get on a governing body (5)
2. Express service unit (3)
3. Bound to leave something out (4)
4. Concerted movement put something on a firm basis (9)
5. He may be involved in a row (7)
8. New arrivals, we hear, at the docks (6)
11. Useless as a costermonger without stock (9)
13. Not quite out of St. Malo (6)
14. Be fond of and look after (4,3)
16. Stadium takes an age to erect (5)
18. Might be in or even out (4)
20. Reserved for the cast (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Expedite (7)
7. Exclude (5)
9. Ancient (3)
10. Make thin (9)
12. Submissive (11)
15. Counsel (11)
17. Fellowship (9)
19. Badly (3)
21. Oneness (5)
22. Exult (7)

Down

1. Cunning (5)
2. Deed (3)
3. Enthusiasm (4)
4. Subtraction (9)
5. Incomplete (7)
8. Forsake (6)
11. Ugliness (9)
13. Lengthen (6)
14. Interpret (7)
16. Lax (5)
18. Finished (4)
20. Pledge (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Administrator; 8 Housetop; 9 Ally; 10 Patent; 12 Awards; 14 Heretic; 16 Stress; 18 Flag; 20 Back-door; 22 Singing-master. Down: 1 Advocate; 2 Tissue; 3 Hilt; 4 Stop-gaps; 5 Canada; 6 Pool; 11 Trombone; 13 Discover; 15 Engage; 17 Radish; 19 Laid; 21 Comb.
QUICK - Across: 7 Expostulation; 8 Shortens; 9 Aver; 10 Annexe; 12 Finish; 14 Repeat; 16 Listen; 18 Show; 20 Narcotic; 22 Encyclopaedia. Down: 1 Exchange; 2 Course; 3 Stye; 4 Blishut; 5 Strain; 6 Lone; 11 Entangle; 13 Specific; 15 Always; 17 Skilen; 19 Hang; 21 Ripe.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Cottage, terraced, detached, all types of houses.

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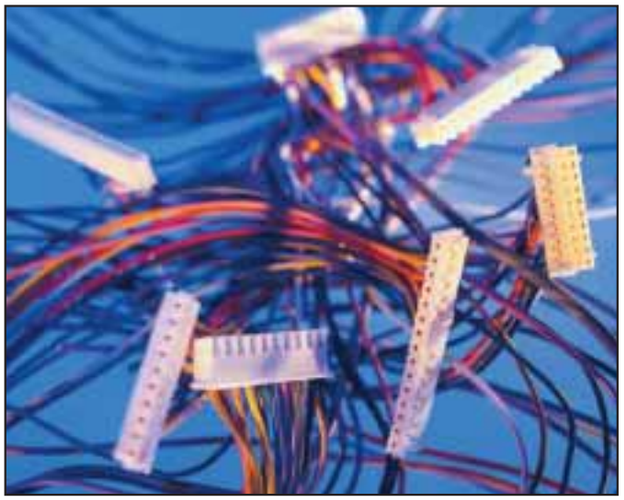

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OFTEC keep an up-to-date register of approved oil engineers that can be referred to by consumers and authorities alike to either find an approved engineer or to check the eligibility of an engineer. www.oftec.org.

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An independent report commissioned by the Government found FENSA to be the most successful of all competent person schemes to date in the UK, across all industries. FENSA is the leading brand trusted by consumers, all Local Authorities, industry and Government.

FENSA is the industry standard for replacement window and door installers self-certifying compliance with the building regulations.

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Confidence in FENSA installers

• FENSA is the brand trusted by all local authorities, industry and government.

• An independent report commissioned by the Government found FENSA to be the most successful of all competent person schemes to date in the UK, across all industries. Click here

• Vetting: All FENSA registered companies are continually re-assessed by an independent inspection body to ensure consistency of Building Regulations adherence and service.

• Nearly 9000 companies nationwide have joined FENSA which include glazing companies, builders, national and smaller home improvements companies, local authorities, housing associations, property developers. If all these companies trust and use FENSA, consumers can too. If all these companies trust FENSA, homeowners can too.

• FENSA does not demand any specific brand of insurance from its installers – homeowners and installers have freedom of choice over insurance providers whose policies are underwritten by 'different' insurance companies (FENSA is not insurance-led)

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The FSB vision is a community that recognises, values and adequately rewards the endeavours of those who are self employed and small business owners within the UK

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• To identify the continuously changing needs of members

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FMB

The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) is a trade association established over 60 years ago to protect the interest of small and medium-sized building firms, today it is the largest trade association in the UK building industry.

Only those builders and specialists who can prove their skills and good business standing are accepted as members.

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For more information about the FMB trade association go to www.fmb.org.uk.

Federation of Master Builders FMB The sign of building quality

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- Ensuring that members adhere to strict membership criteria. The provision of a comprehensive range of training courses specifically designed to focus on the specialist areas of work that PCA members undertake. The courses lead on to qualifications.
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- Increasing standards to improve consumer confidence. As a founder member of TrustMark, PCA members are validated through this government backed scheme which declares that all contractors working in the domestic environment are trustworthy and competent.
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More than 6,500 garages in the UK subscribe to the Code and millions of motorists benefit from its protection and standards, in addition to the free advice line and dispute resolution service.

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Association of Professional Independent Chimney Sweeps APICS

CAI

The Confederation of Aerial Industries (CAI) is the recognised body for the aerial and satellite industry. The CAI is committed to raising standards within the industry and whilst the criteria for membership is extremely high, the consumer is assured of a quality installation at a fair price.

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The CAI is the recognised body for the aerial and satellite installation industry.

The CAI is a totally independent, self-regulatory organisation which has evolved Codes of Practice relating to the work areas of its membership.

The CAI has succeeded in setting high standards for its members to attain and, in so doing, has raised the level of competency and technical ability in the process.

The CAI also represents its members to Government, Local Authorities and National Bodies on technical, regulatory, and Health and Safety issues.

For the consumer the CAI promises that all of its Members will provide a professional quality service using only materials and methods approved to European standards ensuring the best possible result.

CAI members are provided with information about developments in the television industry and are enabled to obtain recognition for the quality of the work they undertake.

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The BDA works on behalf of dentists in the UK by providing practical help through services and products. For many patients, private dentistry may offer a wider choice of treatments and flexibility in terms of appointment times. Some treatments may only be available within private dentistry such as white fillings on back teeth, dental implants and tooth whitening. For more information on the BDA go to www.bda.org.

BDA

British Association for Counselling and Phychotherapy

THE British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) is a large organisation that many counsellors around the UK are registered with. They're not only a charity but also an accrediting body that set certain standards and codes of ethics for counsellors and psychotherapists to adhere to. If counsellors are accredited by the BACP it means they have completed a substantial level of training and experience approved by the Association.

The British Association for Counselling was established in the 1970s, it wasn't until September 2000 that they recognised the need to represent psychotherapy as well as counselling, therefore changing their name to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

BACP is the biggest and most well known accrediting body across the UK who works with both individual counsellors and organisations. www.bacp.co.uk

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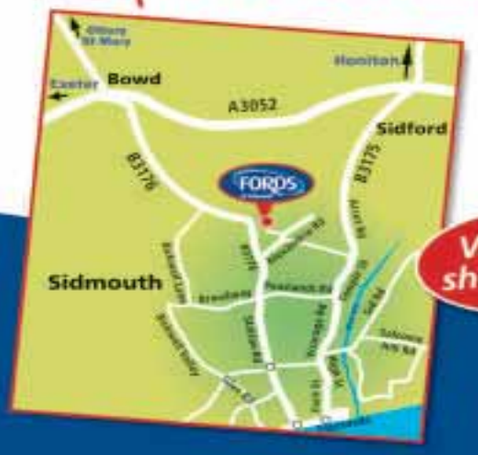

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Nov 24th – Dec 8th, 10am-4pm (closed Sundays)

Trinity House, Home in Style Shop, Axminster

THE walls of the top floor of the Trinity House, Home in Style Shop will once again be covered with a diverse collection of original artwork in a variety of mediums, styles, subjects, sizes and prices. Alongside the art will be displays of quality, unique handmade items including jewellery, wood, ceramics, textiles, mirrors, candles and glass. All pieces are for sale and with prices starting under £10 well worth a look for all those Christmas presents.

From December 12, the show will open next door, where ChloErin was opposite Martins, until Christmas.

This will be Axminster Artisans' last show because in January, Lisa Lyman will be launching Apple Tree Galleries ther, showcasing a permanent display of local arts and crafts.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

CREWKERNE: Friday Luncheon Club at Henhayes Community Centre - come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and a chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group 7.30pm Friday 30th November. Dr Charles Hill will give a presentation entitled "The Natural History of Badgers". This will be based on photographs and stories relating to the rearing of two badger cubs. Adults £2. Refreshments available and chance to buy SWT 2013 calendars. Parish Hall, North St. Ilminster TA19 0DG

CHARD: Michael Vaughan Antiques Evaluation in the Guildhall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30TH & SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST

HORTON CROSS, ILMINSTER: The Monks Yard Christmas Craft Fair will take place from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 30th November and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 1st December. It will be bigger and better than ever and will be an ideal opportunity to find original and unique gifts in three rooms full of beautiful arts and crafts items made by over 25 local people, including Bags, Bunting, Cards, Cushions, Doorstops, Driftwood, Felt, Jewellery, Memory boards, Mosaics, Papercraft, Painted Gifts, Preserves, Pottery, Soap, Shawls, Scarves, Stocking fillers, Wirework, Woodcraft and more. Join us in this beautiful rural setting with a friendly atmosphere, free entry and free parking. Proceeds from table bookings will go to Ferne Animal Sanctuary.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST

WHITELACKINGTON: Christmas Fayre & Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall (A30 near Ilminster). Gifts, craft, bric-a-brac, cakes, books and tombola, stalls, refreshments. Tables £5. Telephone 01460 259565 for more details or to book a table. In aid of restoration funds.

KINGSTONE NEAR CHARD: Spirit of Christmas festival Kingstone church 10am - 5 pm, then concert at 7pm with Serenade, Winsmoor Voices etc refreshments, raffle. Tickets £5.00. Contact Pat Creed 01460 57501. During day, Free entry. Swanmead Choir singing at 4.30pm. mulled cider refreshments etc

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Bazaar. There will be stalls with Christmas gift ideas from gold & silver jewellery to handmade home accessories. We also have wonderful Christmas decorations and gourmet food, as well as Christmas wrapping paper and handmade books. There will also be stalls with good quality children's clothes and ladies accessories. There will be mulled wine & mince pies on sale as well as a visit from Santa. 10.00-2.00pm.

YEOVIL: Rosie Crane Trust Drop in at South Street Centre, 20 South Street from 10.30am - 12.30pm. They will be holding a candle lighting in memory of the sons and daughters we have lost. We will also have a memory tree, with stars on which you can write a message to the child you are remembering and hang it on the tree. The December Candle Lighting is open to friends and relatives as well as bereaved parents.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Ilminster Lions Club Xmas Bazaar -- Blake Hall, commences at 10.00 a.m. until noon. Local Charity / Craft stalls Refreshments available. Admission by donation--- funds being raised for local good causes.

CHARD: Popular Fayre. Various Stalls including Records, Handmade Knitwear, Crafts and Craft Making. Refreshments available. Doors open from 9am until 12.30pm.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Christmas Fayre at Hinton St George School 1-3.30pm. Santa's grotto, cake stalls, raffle, lucky dip and more, plus Santa arriving by helicopter at the school field at 1pm.

CLAPTON & WAYFORD: Quiz & supper evening will be held in the village hall, starting at 7pm. All welcome; come in a team or join one on the night. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and there will be a raffle & licensed bar. Please book places in advance on 01460 75380; £8 entrance includes a hot supper.

CREWKERNE: St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Bazaar from 10.00am-2.00pm in St Bartholomew's Church, there will be Ladies fashions, children's clothes, gold & silver gem set jewellery, homemade cakes, a raffle with a top prize of £100 plus a visit from Santa plus many other stalls with Christmas gift ideas.

CREWKERNE: Peace Vigil at Victoria Hall from 11am-12noon.

HORTON: Christmas Bazar in the Church Room at St Peter's from 2-4pm. Christmas stalls, Tombola, Raffle, 50/50, Bric a Brac, Whisky Squares, Cakes, refreshments & much more.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND

CREWKERNE: Christmas Shopping Trip to the Galleries, Bristol, £10 per person, departing and returning to Crewkerne, Organized by the Friends of St Bartholomews School (FSA), for more information/to book contact Julia on 07767451335, Sara-Jane on 07977157472 or e-mail stbarts.fsa@gmail.com.

MONDAY DECEMBER 3RD

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo at Misterton Village Hall in aid of Misterton WI. Usual great hampers/prizes, raffle, tombola, light refreshments. 10 games at £1. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm eyes down, call 01460 74808 for more details.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4TH

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peach Group meeting at Minster Rooms from 7.30pm. Our speaker will be William Parry, Communications and Media Officer,
Medical Aid for Palestinians he will talk about the work of MAP and the barriers to healthcare facing Palestinians under occupation and as refugees. All welcome - entry £3, including tea/coffee

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo, at St Bartholomews C of E First School, Kithill, Crewkerne, doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm, adult size tables, benches and chairs, tombola, refreshments and raffle available.

CREWKERNE: Over 70s Club at Henhayes Centre from 10am-2.30pm. Tea and biscuits, wholesome lunch. All for £5.50, transport available. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details or to arrange transport.

CREWKERNE: Computer class for the confident and terrified at Henhayes Centre from 10am-12noon.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5TH

CHARD: Memory Cafe at the Guildhall from 10.30am-12.30pm. Telephone 07803 115488 or 01935 473597 for more details.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre from 2.30pm-4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Film Society showing 'Made in Dagenham', in the village hall. Doors open and tea/coffee & mince pies available from 7.30pm; film starts at 8pm prompt. New members always welcome; guest tickets may be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 77062.

ILMINSTER: Humphries Kirk & Poole & Co Ilminster Business Breakfast. Thursday 6th December, 7.30am - 9.00am, The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster. Join us for a free full english breakfast and a cuppa, for a chance for local businesses to come together to get to know one another and build valuable business relationships. Please RSVP to Lyn Lowe, l.lowe@pooleandco.com tel: 01460 52293.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH

CREWKERNE: Friday Luncheon Club at Henhayes Centre - come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged.

CHARD: "Christmas Carol Service" in The Guildhall. Carols sung by Redstart School and Avishayes School evening starts at 6pm tickets on sale now Chard Tourist Information Centre priced £3 Adults & £1.50 Children up to 16 years.(please note this is a ticketed event)

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Wed & Thu: 13.30, 16.10

Great Expectations 12A
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2012 - a curates egg of a year for the property market!

THE predictions for the property market in 2012 varied from a return to growth at one end of the spectrum to doom and despondency at the other. The reality for house prices in this area was actually no growth but no evidence of further falls either. Interestingly there was a renewed demand for property in 2012 from many sectors of the market - but price remained critical. Those sellers pushing asking prices beyond buyers expectations experienced a dearth of interest whilst those realistic sellers with a strong desire to move priced their properties to sell, had strong interest and sold and moved.

Interestingly the adjectives used to decribe the state of the property market varied according to persepctive of the indivual using them. For example those wanting to get a high price for their property generally used the descriptor "bad" while conversely first time buyers wanting a good deal, or investors looking to maximize their return predominently opted for more positive language. People looking to sell and buy generally accepted they were selling and buying in the same market and tended to have a more neutral opinion.

For those looking to buy there were some fantastic deals around in 2012. That meant for first time buyers looking to stop paying rent and start paying for their own property there were good reasons to make that buying decision. Whether prices rise or fall over the short term is largely irrelevant - more pertinent is that at the end of the mortage term the house is theirs outright with no further loans or rents to pay.

Similarly for investors the exceptional deals available to the cash buyer meant returns on investment that would be impossible in any saving institution with the added bonus of capital growth when the market comes back - which it one day it surely will. The really canny ones have been gearing their investments taking on borrowings that are tax deductible to improve the icome, the return on capital invested, and the potential for future gains.

The Chancellor is now making moves to imbue the Bank of England with additional powers to act to take any froth off a fast moving market to try to prevent unsustainable booms in house prices. In 2012 the shortage of mortgage lending - or at least the targeting of premium borrowers only - has served to keep prices subdued. Lenders have also been aggressive in their instructions to valuers who are seen almost as guardians to make sure buyers are getting good value for money. Whether it be a purchase or a remortgage the surveyors are quick to act to down value any price they consider to be excessive.

2012 has been a year of improved demand but from buyers who are demanding value for money. The mortgage lenders are also acting as a brake on house prices making sure that any borrowing is against sensible valuations. The new funding for lending initiative has shown signs of improving the amount of money available but the lenders are still being very careful to make sure any lending is against sustainable pricing. For those looking to bag a bargain in 2013 the market is still looking very promising indeed!

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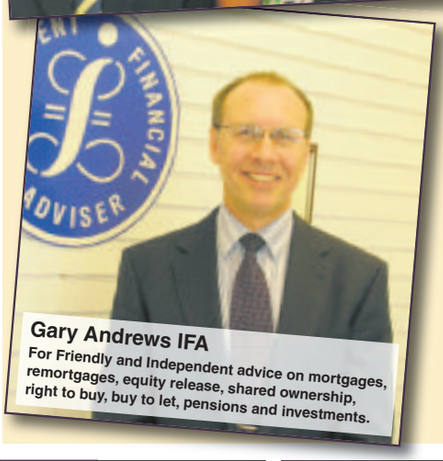

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Nissan Leaf drives into the record books... again

THE multi-award winning Nissan LEAF has entered the record books again. The convoy of 225 cars was driven around the Silverstone Circuit to break the Guinness World Record for the 'largest parade of electric vehicles', beating the previous record of 218 held by Chrysler in the US.

Nissan LEAF owners travelled from around the UK, from as far afield as Aberdeen and Belfast, to meet up at the world-famous circuit on Saturday 24th November. The event was organised by Nissan to bring together owners of the world's best selling electric vehicle to share their ownership experiences and to gather information about how they use their cars.

Joined by famous faces including actor and presenter Robert Llewellyn and 'Bang goes the Theory' presenter Dallas Campbell, the cars paraded around the circuit for just over two miles under the watchful eye of the Guinness World Record adjudicators.

Paul O'Neill, Nissan's product manager for LEAF commented: "It was great to see so many LEAFs on the track at the same time. We are delighted to have broken the Guinness world record and want to thank all the owners who helped us achieve this, we couldn't have done it without them."

The Nissan LEAF entered the record books earlier this year by becoming the fastest car over a mile in reverse, set at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in June by stunt driver Terry Grant.

Five star Vauxhall Mokka wows Euro NCAP

VAUXHALL'S new Mokka SUV has been awarded five stars by the independent consumer organisation Euro NCAP (European New Car Assessment Program).

The Mokka joins other Vauxhall models including Ampera, Astra, Corsa, Insignia, Meriva and Zafira which all scored the top rating of five stars in the Euro NCAP program.

'Vauxhall offers the highest possible safety standards to our customers, and the Mokka is no exception,' said Duncan Aldred, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. 'Vauxhall is very proud to bring cutting-edge technologies to a wider segment of customers.'

Overall, the Mokka achieved impressive results in all five safety categories tested by Euro NCAP, scoring maximum points in the safety assist category, making it one of only a handful of cars on sale in Europe to be given such a strong test rating.

Euro NCAP gave a positive rating to the Mokka's electronic stability control, for its seatbelt reminder function and its speed limitation assistance, all standard features on the Mokka.

In the adult occupant category, the Mokka achieved a 96 per cent score. This excellent result was helped by front, side head and side body airbags as well as double belt pre-tensioners with load limiters. Adjustable head restraints on the front seats help to provide protection against whiplash injury in the event of a rear-end collision. The Mokka also features a collapsible pedal assembly for lower leg protection in a frontal impact.

In child occupant safety, Euro NCAP noted: "The Mokka scored maximum points based on the readings from the 3-year-old child dummy in the dynamics test." This first-class score in this category is the result of Vauxhall child safety seats that come standard with rear outer ISOFIX child seat mountings and fasteners for an additional top-tether belt.

In the pedestrian safety category, the Mokka's bumper scored maximum points. Euro NCAP highlighted its "good protection to pedestrians' legs."

On the active safety side, which goes beyond Euro NCAP requirements, the Mokka has many safety assist features. The compact SUV offers an array of innovative technologies that help the driver to avoid collisions including following distance indicator, lane departure warning and traffic sign recognition. The Mokka's optional rear view camera and the adaptive forward lighting AFL+ raise safety standards even further.

The Mokka is in showrooms now with prices starting from £15,995 on-the-road. The new compact SUV, like all Vauxhalls, is covered by the manufacturer's ground-breaking Lifetime Warranty which provides warranty cover up to 100,000 miles.

▲ Vauxhall Mokka

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- *Pedestrian protection rated at 70% and 69% for Leon and Toledo respectively*
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THE new SEAT Leon and SEAT Toledo have both achieved five-star ratings in the latest round of results published today by the Euro New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP), the independent automotive crash-test organisation.

Both the new Leon and Toledo achieved 94% for adult occupant protection. Maximum points were achieved for both models in the demanding side barrier test, with both cars offering good protection for all body regions.

▲ Seat Leon

For child occupant protection, the Leon scored maximum points based on the readings recorded from the child dummies during the dynamic tests. NCAP noted that the passenger airbag can be disabled to allow rearward-facing restraint to be used in the front seat and that the status of that airbag is clearly visible to the driver.

In terms of pedestrian protection, the Leon's bumper scored maximum points for the protection it offered to pedestrians' legs and the bonnet was described by NCAP as offering good protection in most areas likely to be struck by a pedestrian's head.

The Toledo scored maximum points for protection of a three-year-old infant, measured by the readings recorded using the dummy. Like the Leon, the Toledo scored maximum points for the protection offered by the bumper to pedestrians' legs.

Under the Safety Assist category, both the new Leon and Toledo scored 71%, with NCAP noting that Electronic Stability Control is standard equipment across both ranges.

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SEAT UK Managing Director Peter Wyhinny said: "Gaining the maximum five-star award from Euro NCAP for both the Leon and Toledo is a brilliant achievement. We truly believe that between them these two wonderful cars cover every base

▲ Seat Toledo

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UK launch confirmed for all-new Subaru Forester

- *All-new Forester on sale in the UK from summer 2013*
- *Three 2.0-litre Boxer engines available*
- *Improved performance and fuel economy over outgoing model*
- *Larger, more refined, more efficient*

Subaru UK has today announced that the all-new Subaru Forester will go on sale in the UK from summer 2013 with competitive pricing, and improved fuel economy.

The fourth-generation Forester builds upon the outgoing model's credentials as a go-anywhere, user-friendly SUV, with improved performance, safety and efficiency and a larger, more practical cabin. Subaru's unique Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system remains at the heart of the vehicle, while a low centre of gravity and improved body rigidity contribute to improved refinement and a typically engaging drive on the road.

Confirming the UK launch of the Forester, Subaru has also announced outline details of the engine line-up, which will include 150ps 2.0-litre Boxer diesel and petrol units, as well as a new 2.0-litre direct injection turbocharged petrol engine, producing 280ps. Both of the naturally-aspirated engines will feature a six-speed manual transmission as standard, while Subaru's Lineartronic (CVT) transmission is available on both petrol engines. The Lineartronic transmission has been modified to manage the increased power while also providing improved fuel efficiency, and ensures that both CVT-equipped petrol engines achieve the 2015 Japanese fuel economy standard.

Haydn Davies, Marketing Director, Subaru UK, commented: "Since the Forester's launch in 1997, it has gained a loyal following across the UK for its rugged, go anywhere abilities and these developments will ensure it remains a firm SUV favourite. The fourth-generation Forester will feature the latest All-Wheel Drive system and Boxer engines, while a lot of work has gone into improving refinement, ride quality and safety." Further details of the new Subaru Forester will be announced in the new year.

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bowls round-up

CHARD BOWLING CLUB
MILFORD & DORMOR OPEN MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE

Results: (November 22nd) Greyhounds 14 Harlequins 7, Hurricanes 12 East Coker 7, Westway 8 Odcombe 18, Canaries 15 Magpies 10.

	Pld	+/-	Pts
Odcombe	7	34	12
Greyhounds	8	29	12
Harlequins	8	44	10
Hurricanes	7	2	10
Canaries	8	-19	8
Magpies	8	11	5
East Coker	8	-20	3
Westway	8	-81	2

East Devon & District League

A'noon D3	Pld	+/-	Pts
Sidbury	3	89	6
CHARD B	3	140	5
CHARD A	3	89	2
Seaton Cliff C	3	-47	2
Colyton B	4	-163	2
Hemyock B	4	-105	1

Tough draw for Dot

ILMINSTER BC

ON Saturday On Sunday, November 25th Ilminster played **Taunton Deane** in the latest round of the Denny Plate.

Ilminster won on three rinks and overall 78-74, scores: Ilminster rinks, (Home) Alison Atyeo, Sue Spurway, Ian Lightfoot & Jason Miles 17 M Beale 16 (this was after Jason trailed 12 shots to 2!). Dot Whelan, Alan Holt, June Checketts & Steve Turner 24 J Capon 18. (Away) Gillian Leighton, Penny Stow, Rowland Garland & Dave Hynard 15 S Hedger 22, Lyn Williams, Maureen Mitchell, Bev Brister & Matt Hamilton 22 R Dezille 18.

In other National Competitions, Triples, Gerry Morris, Ian Lightfoot & Jason Miles (Ilminster) lost 23-8 to Dave Hynard, Steve Turner & Matt Hamilton (also Ilminster). Pairs, Bill Anderson & Matt Hamilton (Ilminster) won 24-8 against Paul Denslow & John Parsons (Donyatt). Over 60s Singles Andy Williams (Ilminster) 21 PD Marshall (Street) 9. Over 60s Pairs, Gerry Morris & Rowland Garland (Ilminster) 23 D.Burch (Taunton BC) 14.

In the **Ladies 'Champion of Champions' Area Final** Dot Whelan (Ilminster) will play Stefanie Branfield, the England under 25 bowler from Clevedon. This game will be played at North Petherton.

On Saturday Ilminster played a mixed friendly against **The Nomads,** Ilminster winning on all rinks and by 67 shots to 37, Ilminster Rinks: Dave Wallis, Peter Greer, Sylvia Read & Brian Welch 26-13. Sarah Lightfoot, Gary Riste, Derek Carter & Ian Lightfoot 20-14. Norma Pugh, Ray Dolby, Mike King & David Pugh 21-10.

angling Ilminster

Ilminster AA, 25th November
DILLINGTON POND, SOMERSET - 5 FISHED

WITH the River Isle a raging torrent, Ilminster AA members headed to Dillington Pond for a days fishing.

The pond was chocolate brown in colour and bites were hard to come by. Jamie Rich won his second match on the trot, catching 1lb 5oz of roach on the pole and pinkie from peg 8.

Pete Lonton was second with 1lb from peg 18 and Justin Charles was third with 10oz from peg 17.

Next week there is a Royal Oak league match and the draw will be at the pub between 8:30 and 9:00.

Results: 1 - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) - 1lb 5oz, 2 - Pete Lonton (Ilminster) - 1lb, 3 - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 10oz

For the full match report go to www.against-menandfish.blogspot.com

horse racing bob buckler stable

Times up for Cullahill

by Stuart Broom

CULLAHILL put in a good performance in his last race before retirement ***writes Stuart Broom***.

The 12-year-old signed off with fourth place in the toteswinger Handicap Chase over 3m 1f at Folkestone last week following on quickly behind his fourth at Wetherby five days earlier which pocketed his owner Nick Elliott almost £1000 in prize money.

Placed in 20 of his 47 runs with six wins, his best run of form was last year when he was placed in all but three of his 11 races including three wins.

Local trainer Bob Buckler said: "Although he still jumps well he is understandably not as quick as he was. He ran two nice races to finish, but age is catching up and it's time for him to be moving on to other things."

The Henley owner thought that he had a winner in the following race with Sulpius in the Follow totepool On Twitter And Facebook Handicap Chase over 2m 5f.

Having won his maiden victory at the 13th attempt at Fontwell less than two weeks earlier he was backed into 11/4 second favourite. Unfortunately he was troubled by the slippery surface; a horse had slipped over on the straight in the previous race; which unsettled him.

Having lost his place when slipping going into the first fence and again on the bend, he was making ground coming into the straight but at the second last fence he clipped the top of the fence and fell.

"It was unfortunate as he would have won, but Andrew (Glassonbury) admitted he took off a fraction too far off the fence and caught the top of it. It was a bit of a crashing fall but he is fine and will probably go again in 2-3 weeks when hopefully the ground has dried out a bit."

Buckler was also pleased with his third runner at the meeting, **Dora Canina**. The four-year-old filly was running her second race in the 2m 1f bumper, and although she finished down the field Buckler was more than happy with her.

"She's a bit of a madam at home and we were worried whether she would act okay on the course, and have been concentrating on keeping her sweet at home. As a result she was not as fit as she might have been.

"But she ran a great race keeping with the pace early on but just got tired. However she has a nice temperament, is lovely looking and showed she has ability. We can now concentrate on her fitness."

One of the yard's big favourites **The Sawyer** made his first appearance of the season on Friday in the challenging 3m Mitie Events & Leisure Handicap Chase at Ascot which included some good up and coming horses.

Another 12-year-old, he led the field from the off, but was badly hampered by the loose Brackloom High who fell at the first. This dropped him back in the pack and he finished sixth.

"He's a horse that doesn't come in until January," said Buckler. "I'm delighted with his run. It was great to see him bowling along in the front enjoying life, in the end he was run out of it by younger, faster horses. But the race brought him on a lot and he may go again before Christmas."

The Happy Warrior had another racetrack experience at Ascot the following day when he ran in the 2m bumper race.

"Unfortunately he's not a speed merchant; he's a big three-mile chaser. He was run in the middle of the pack, running third as they came round the first time.

"I would have preferred him to have stretched them from there, but didn't, and he was beaten for speed. However it was a good education for him and I am certain he will turn out to be a great horse."

South Petherton celebrate historic double

SOUTH PETHERTON Bowling club held its annual presentation night on Saturday, November 24th.

The evening was held at Ilminster BC, and after the dinner the trophies for the club's knock-out competitions were awarded as follows;

Wednesday Umbrella: Cliff Parson.

The **Reynard–Smith triples league**, Winners: Pete Mottram, Carol Kemp, Ursula Black, Derek Chant & Robert Bell.

Runners-up: Dave Hingley, Jeanette Peterson, Sandra Robinson, Les Langdon & Gerald Meecham.

Monday & Thursday roll-up: Winner – Derek Chant, Runner-up – Derek Farr.

3-wood pairs, winners: Rex Corbet & Sue Donavan, Runners-up – Robert Bell & Roy Bates, Daniel Browning Cup, Winner – Steve Lester, Runner up – Jeanette Peterson.

Mixed Handicap, Winner – Pete Mottram, Runner-up: Tony Peterson.

Mixed Pairs, Winners – Eileen Beckey & Tony Peterson, Runners-up - Robert Bell & Keith Bunkin, Ladies 2 Wood, Winner – Jeanette Peterson, Runner up: Carol Kemp.

Men's 2 Wood, Winner – Peter Hutchings, Runner-up Robert Bell.

Ladies Singles Champion, Winner - Eileen Beckey, Runner-up: Sue Donavan.

Mens Singles Champion, Winner - Lawrence Symes, Runner-up: Bernard Loud

History was made as this was the first time in the club's 80 year history that both the Men's & Ladies championships were won by the club's captains.

It was a sad farewell to Robert & June Bell as they are leaving the club to move closer to their family, all the club wishes them well.

Unfortunately, the evening was cut short as heavy rain was causing flooding on the roads, it seems the weather had won the day again as it did so many times in the 'so called' summer.

■ AWARD winners and officials pictured at South Petherton Bowling Club's annual awards dinner.

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT **puts LUSO-CHARD'S GERSON MAIA** ***UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT***

Q How long have you played local football for? and for which teams?

A It has been three years since I started playing football in England. I previously played in Portugal. I have only played for Luso-Chard in England.

Q Who are the best three players you have played alongside, and why?

A **Rui Rodrigues** - our centre-back and our rock. **Renato Silva**, our playmaker, someone that should be playing professionally, a real star and the best player I have ever seen. Finally, **Marco Quedas** for all his goals.

Q What is your favourite away ground?

A **Millwey Rise's** Harry's Field is the best ground in our division.

Q Do any games or incidents stick in your memory?

A It has to be this season's John Fowler cup match against Millwey Rise Reserves when I scored my first goal for the club. Unfortunately we ended up losing on penalties.

Q How would you improve things at Luso-Chard FC?

A Right now everything is going really well for us so we need to carry on the same way because we know that if we do it you will win the league. This is our aim for the season and maybe a cup too. We want to win every single game and play good football.

Q Name some young players we should look out for.

A Right now in our team I would say **Nuno Oliveira**. If he keeps his feet on the floor he will be a very important player for us. There is also **Ricardo Silva** a youngster that plays for Chard Town. He has great quality and deserves a chance to maybe turn professional.

NEXT: Ilminster Town's
STEVE GARLAND

SCRUM DOWN

KEITH JENKIN'S
Round-up of the local rugby clubs

skittles

ILMINSTER LEAGUE

Nomination Cup - Division One: Bell & Crown 238-4 (G.Jenkins 44, C.Rust & J.Edmonds 24) Carnival Clingons 239-8 (K.Channon 48, A.Sims 11), Cricketers 305-9 (D.Price 58, D.Brunt 25) Flying Turkeys 283-3 (S.Spurway, A.Ash both 44, C.Lazenby 28), Ashill Inn 246-11 (N.Dopson 45, L.Mills 20) Donyatt BC 215-1 (G.Pearce 34, ? Lee 13).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	3	30
Flyings Turkeys	3	23
Carnival Clingons	2	20
Bell & Crown	3	16
Ashill Inn	2	15
Donyatt BC	3	12
Crown Royals	2	12
King's Head	2	4
Wyndham Clangers	2	2

Nomination Cup - Division Two: Nomads 277-11 (B.Downting 44, C.Miller 25) Royal Oak faces 244-1 (N.Jenkins 37, K.Taylor 23), Hatch Eggs 167-1 (C.Deserve & R.Coates 31, A.Lockyer 8) Bell A 244-11 (A.Lee 44, J.Pike 8), Wyndham Arms 175-1 (G.Danvers 40, J.Small 9) Hatch Beagles 234-11 (D.Hutchins 44, P.Watts 17).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Nomads	3	32
Rockey's Rollers	2	21
Hatch Beagles	3	14
Royal Oak Faces	2	11
Ashill Boys	1	3
Hatch Eggs	2	3
Wyndham Arms	2	3

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	7	62
King Willy Dogs	7	56
Muddled Men	8	55
Royal Oak Drimpton	8	50
Coachmen	7	49
Head Hunters	7	39
Super Sexy Six	7	39
Stray Cats	7	38
Nomads	7	34
Football Club	7	29
The Fryers	8	29

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Rollers	8	57
Raptors	8	55
Con Club Legends	8	53
Brewers Bees	8	51
Club Fixers	8	50
Sports 92	8	49
Concorde	8	49
Perrott Monkeys	8	48
Pinbusters	8	44
Fokkers	8	43
Skimmers	8	39
Rug Rats	7	38

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Muppets	8	75
Merriott Men	8	69
Hung Like Horses	8	59
The Likely Lads	8	55
Chis Colts	8	55
Sandbaggers	8	50
Numpties	8	46
Willy Low Flyers	8	44
Kings Pick n Mix	8	38
Knappers	8	32
Rotary	8	28
Beer Leg Boys	8	25

Fixtures decimated by downpour

I WOULD of course, have liked my final rugby column to have gone with a bang.

But the weather decided otherwise, and I sat by my computer on Saturday morning watching it diminish by the minute.

CHARD'S game at PAIGNTON was an early casualty, quickly followed by the Chard third side's home game against Tor 3rds.

The Chard second side's fixture also fell victim to the elements.

The CREWKERNE sides both at first and second team level did not start, and so Saturday was a completely blank date as far as local rugby was concerned.

PREVIEW

SATURDAY next has been set aside for the playing of catch up league fixtures, and cup rounds.

Coincidentally both PAIGNTON and MORGANIANS who CHARD and CREWKERNE should have faced on Saturday last, already have outstanding league games, and are therefore committed.

I would expect therefore that both local clubs will be without a fixture.

As to the second sides, Chard seconds will be hopeful that their game at home to Castle Cary will now go ahead.

The sides lie together in the mid-table of the Somerset First Division and this one could well be close.

Crewkerne 2nds will have every hope of getting the result against visitors Minehead Barbarians thirds, while Chard thirds will, I think, have too much for their Tor counterparts.

◆ **Note: This will be my final rugby column. Of course I shall miss wandering around the clubs and touchlines on a Saturday afternoon.**

I will now have to find something else to do with my weekends - My wife has suggested crochet!

I have enjoyed the last 16 years and have made some good chums along the way.

I have had a lot of fun writing this column. I hope you have enjoyed reading it!

God Bless, Keith J.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

Chard v No Game; Chard 2nd v Castle Cary (home); Chard 3rd v Tor 3rd (home); Crewkerne v No Game; Crewkerne 2nd v Minehead Barbarians 3rd (home).

CHARD & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

Efforts recognised at presentation night

Annual Awards Presentation night

CHARD & District Swimming Club held their annual awards night on Saturday, November 17th ***writes Hannah Pullinger.***

It was as always a truly 'Team' event, with all the organising and catering done by the Club Committee, producing a splendid spread for the 160 swimmers, parents and guests, and giving swimmers the opportunity to dress up and let their hair down away from the pool!

The club was pleased to welcome John and Pamela Farrant, ASA Somerset Secretary Ben Batley, and founder member of the club and ex-Chard headmaster John Brice who entertained us all with stories of how the club began with training in an outdoor unheated pool!

The guests kindly helped in presenting the various awards.

Awards for **Club Championships** went to: 8 years: Jimmy Brett & Abi Greenslade, 9 years: William Hawkins & Jess McAuley, 10 years: Leo Bonning & Xanthe Dyer, 11 years: Leo Kindred & Jess Patch, 12 years: Ryan Adair & Tamsin Edge, 13/14 years: Oliver Bilbie & Elisha Hawkins, Open: Luke van den Barselaar & Hannah Pullinger.

Merit Awards went to: 9 years: Oscar Rens & Eden McDonald, 10 years: Oliver Bright & Megan Herbert, 11 years: Henry Taswell & Jess Fowler, 12 years: Liam Mathieson & Abbie Bonning, 13/14 years: Jamie Pullinger & Susan Ross, Open: Jake Hallam & Abi Dare.

Somerset Top Position Medals awarded to: Boys: Ryan Adair, Daniel Andrews, Oliver Bilbie, Leo Bonning, Ben Fowler, Jake Hallam, Leo Kindred, Michael Moulding, Jamie Pullinger, Henry Taswell, Luke van den Barselaar,

Girls: Abbie Bonning, Billie-Jo Dance, Abigail Dare, Tessa Down, Xanthe Dyer, Tamsin Edge, Melissa Hanson, Lauren Harrison, Elisha Hawkins, Megan Herbert, Jessica Patch, Hannah Pullinger, Susan Ross.

Somerset Qualifiers Medals were awarded to: Boys: Oliver Bright, Simon Davis, Rory Dyer, Ben Greenslade, Paul Harrison, Jay Kindred, Jamie Lillington, Ashley Lillington, Liam Mathieson, Lewis Pearson, Iain Ross, Joe Spurway.

Girls: Daisy Brett, Jess Fowler, Daniella Edge, Ella Harvey, Grace Haskins, Hope Horsfield, Susan Ross, Florence Swan, Mollie Simpson, Helen Underwood, Lauren van den Barselaar .

Regional Qualifiers Merit Awards: Abigail Dare, Elisha Hawkins, Hannah Pullinger, Lauren Harrison, Melissa Hanson, Tessa Down, Susan Ross. Ben Fowler, Jake Hallam, Jamie Pullinger, Luke van den Barselaar, Oliver Bilbie, Lewis Pearson.

Top Regional Swimmers: Top Boy Jake Hallam: achieved 12 Regional qualifying or consideration times, and at the Youth Championships reached three finals coming 7th in 100m butterfly, 4th in 200m butterfly and 5th in 100m breaststroke.

Top Girl Hannah Pullinger: achieved 10 Regional qualifying or consideration times, and at the Youth Championships reached two finals coming 4th in 100m Breaststroke and winning a silver medal for 2nd in 50m Breaststroke.

Junior League Top Swimmers: Michael Moulding & Elisha Hawkins

Junior League Awards for achieving selection and swimming in all 12 galas between the ages of 9-12: Elisha Hawkins, Ella Harvey, Tamsin Edge, Iain & Susan Ross

Progress Awards: Junior: Henry Taswell & Xanthe Dyer, Senior: Iain Ross & Melissa Hanson.

Progress Certificates to Learn to Swim Group: Catherine Webb, Jack Morgan, Jack Sitton, Daisy Russell

Young Volunteer Certificates in recognition of service given to the Club by Young Volunteers: Laura Coombs, Luke van den Barselaar, Hannah Pullinger, Ben Fowler, Beckie Rutherford, Jake Hallam, Jess Mathieson and Abi Dare.

The **Gerald Larcombe Memorial Cup** for special service to the Club was awarded to Pamela Farrant for her work on helping the club towards Swim 21, and a special presentation was made to John Farrant on becoming Honoury President of the club.

■ **WELL DONE**: Award winner and officials gather for a photo call at the Chard & District Swimming club's recent annual awards evening.

darts chard & district

Premier Division

Results (November 19th): Hobnobs 19 Pop Darts 8, New Order 12 High 4 & Half 15, Phoenix Poppes 9 Scrun Down 17, Pig Jockeys 13 Hopefuls 12.

Premier	Pld	Pts
Scrum Down	8	161
BDB's	8	135
New Order	8	128
High 4 & A Half	8	118
Slaps Lot	7	116
Phoenix Poppes	9	109
Hopefuls	8	95
Pig Jockeys	8	89
Hobnobs	7	82
Pop Darts	8	74
Best of A Bad Lot	7	49

◆ **Stat leaders**: Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & A Half) 4. Best shot-out: Shane Mears (Hobnobs) Mark Pearce (Hopefuls) both 160.

Division One:

Double Trouble 8 Happy Sharks 12, PA's 7 Clubbers 12, Stumpy's Gang 13 Two Minute Crew 8, The Downs 11 Madhouse Crew 9, The Pirates 12 Dix with Chix 6.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Clubbers	8	113
The Downs	7	82
The Pirates	8	76
Stumpy's Gang	7	71
Happy Sharks	7	67
PA's	7	63
Madhouse Crew	7	61
Dix with Chix	6	53
Double Trouble	6	47
Two Minute Crew	7	44

◆ **Stat leaders**: Most 180s: Steve Major (Two minute Crew) Richard Sampson (Clubbers) both 2. Best shot-out: Shane Goodall (Madhouse Crew) 157.

Division Two: Cult of Personality 15 Phoenix Flyers 3, From Small Acorns 14 B's Knees 6.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
From Small Acorns	8	107
Cult of Personality	6	82
Rare Breeds	6	66
Red Devils	6	64
Phoenix Flyers	6	55
Broken Arrows	5	50
Dizzy Tarts	7	50
B's Knees	7	44
Winning Team	5	38

◆ **Stat leaders**: Most 180s: Matt Elliott (From Small Acorns) and Barney Haydon (Winning Team) both x1. Best shot-out: Luke Napper (From Small Acorns) 110.

hockey chard

Chard Ladies 1st XI 0
Bridwater 2nds 3

CONTINUOUS rain throughout this match against Bridgwater didn't dampen Chard's spirits, although the final result may have done.

Three unfortunate goals sneaked in during the first-half forced the hosts to regroup and tighten up their defence.

better second-half

After a rousing team talk at half-time by stand-in Captain Lou Wrightson, the confidence of the whole team grew and Chard were by far the better side in the second-half.

Nonetheless, the tiring Chard side could do nothing more than prevent further goals from the opposition failing, once more, to capitalise on their chances in the D.

Thanks go to match sponsor Elswood Mechanical Services and umpires Tina O'Driscoll and Alan Cheffey.

Next week the team travel away to Minehead fourth-placed.

For more information about Chard Hockey Club, visit the website www.chardhockey-club.co.uk.

Sedgemoor Div 1	Pld	Pts
East Devon C	8	17
Taw Valley	7	21
Minehead	6	15
Cheddar	6	12
Weston-super-Mare	6	10
Bridgwater II	7	10
Taunton Vale IV	7	10
Winscombe II	7	7
ECVH II	7	3
CHARD	7	0

cricket crewkerne

MEMBERS of Crewkerne Cricket Club and Active Learning & Skills will this weekend attempt to raise monies for both organisations by holding a 24 hour "Cricket-a-thon" at the Old Sports Hall at Wadham School, Crewkerne.

The event starts at 10am tomorrow (Saturday) through until 10am on Sunday, with numerous members from both organisations participating in long gruelling spells of cricket playing.

youth teams

Crewkerne CC will run two League sides for the 2013 season, plus a Sunday friendly team, midweek league side and are also investing heavily in youth, with under 16, under 14 and under 10 teams in operation.

Active Learning & Skills are a not-for-profit organisation who are delivering Youth Activities for different age groups in Crewkerne, as well as Chard, Ilminster and South Petherton.

Both organisations will be using the newly built George Reynolds Centre, and as both organisations are keen on working with youngsters in Crewkerne and the surrounding area, the idea was hatched to raise funds for both organisations.

For more information and to donate people can go to the following websites; http://crewkernecc.moonfruit.com or http://crewkerne.play-cricket.com

■ WARREN GABBIDON: Five goals in cup win.

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up the Perry Street & District League

PSL TOP SCORERS

***Premier**: Joe Simmons (Winsham Utd) 15, E.Butcher (Crewkerne) , J.Spurdle (Crewkerne), L.Riste (Perry Street) all 11.*
***Division One**: R.Smith (Misterton) 14, A.Stevenson (Forton Rangers), T.Franklin (Netherbury) both 11.*
***Division Two**: T.Hussey (Pymore) 15, R.Anderson (Chard Utd) 12 , G.Fowler (Uplyme) 10.*
***Division Three**: W.Gabbidon (Combe A) 24, B.Garrett (Winsham United Res) 17, P.Peacock (Lyme Regis Bantams) both 16.*
***Division Four**: C.Lang (Barrington Res), J.Burkhardt (Shepton Beau Res) both 10, Dan Cahill (Barrington Res) 9.*

Combe beat weather with win double

ONLY three games, all cup-ties, survived the weekend's downpour.

Misterton, despite missing regulars Ian Parker, Johnny Jackson and 14-goal top-scorer Ricky Smith booked their place in the Division One cup final with an impressive 3-1 win over **Barrington**.

Barrington scored first through Lee Scriven but Kenny Forbes levelled before the interval with his ninth goal of the season.

Second-half strikes from Dan Peach and Steve Taylor extended Missy's 17–game unbeaten home record and line-up a cup final against either Beaminster Reserves or Netherbury at Crewkerne Town on New Year's day (2pm kick-off).

Hinton's miserable losing run was extended after a 7-0 drubbing by visiting **Combe A**.

The Saints only led through a Wayne Long cross-shot at half-time. But it was a different story after the restart with the league's top-scorer Warren Gabbidon helping himself to five to take his total to 24. A Kai Logan free-kick rounded-off the scoring.

Combe boss Gary Biss said: "We were poor in the first-half and were trying to walk the ball into the net.

"But it was much better after the interval when our movement off the ball was much improved. Warren had five but he could have had 35," added Biss who knows a thing or two about finding the net having scored 485 PSDL goals himself!

In the Kenny Hodges cup Ryan Mustchin kicked-one off the line and scored the 53rd minute winner at the other end as **Combe B** beat **Crewkerne Rangers Reserves** 1-0.

Tuesday's scheduled **Mavis Tate cup-tie** between the PSDL pick-of-the-league and their Yeovil Sunday league counterparts was postponed with Chard Town's Zembard lane Ground still waterlogged.

SEASON REVIEW

THE widespread postponements means this is a good week to review the season so far.

Chard Hospital Cup
WINNERS: WINSHAM UNITED
RUNNERS-UP CREWKERNE TOWN

WINSHAM United lifted the Chard Hospital cup for the first time in their history when goals from Matt Brown and skipper Darren Spurdle clinched a 2-1 win under the Chard Town floodlights back in August.

Tom Case, now with South Petherton, scored the Tigers' consolation.

County Cups

HOLDERS Millwey Rise hopes of retaining the Devon Intermediate Eastern area trophy are still alive. Rise entertain Topsham Town 3rds in a quarter-final tie tomorrow.

Also bidding for a place in the last four are Farway United who head off to Priory.

Lyme Regis Reserves' grip on the Dorset Junior cup ended when they were knocked-out 3-1 by Bradford Abbas at the Davey Fort.

But the PSDL still has two representatives in tomorrow's quarter-final ties.

Netherbury travel to Normalair RSL Res while Waytown Hounds welcome the Bournemouth Uni staff side.

Lyme Regis are the only local side left in the Dorset Intermediate cup.

The Seasiders will be looking to go one better than last season when they were beaten in the final 4-2 by Milbourne Sports.

Standing in their way are Fern-down Sports in the quarter-final on December 8th.

Down in the Minor cup in-form Drimpton are in with a real chance of becoming the first PSDL team to lift the trophy since the now defunct Halstock a quarter of a century ago. The Greens are due to travel to Lower Parkstone on December 8th hunting a place in the semi-finals.

The league is well represented in the Somerset county competitions. In the Junior Cup Shepton Beauchamp, Combe Res and Ilminster Res are all looking forward to last 16 ties on January 12th.

Combe entertain Meadow Rangers while Shepton and Ilminster are both on the road at Bridgwater Sports and Staplegrove respectively.

Combe A are carrying the flag in the Junior cup. The Saints are due to entertain either Staplegrove Res or Porlock on January 19th for a place in the last eight.

Coronation Cup

THE 61st Coronation cup final will be contested between Crewkerne Town and Lyme Regis on boxing day at Millwey Rise FC (11am kick-off).

Lyme go into the game looking to lift the trophy for a record-breaking fourth consecutive time.

Crewkerne last won the competition back in 1993-94.

Other cups standings:
Challenge Cup

Round one ties: Shepton Beauchamp v Combe Reserves, Beaminster v Perry Street, Millwey Rise v South Petherton. Other teams all byes.

Division One cup

Misterton or Barrington v Beaminster Reserves or Netherbury (final at Crewkerne on Tuesday, January 1st 2pm kick-off).

Arthur Gage cup

Round one ties: Perry Street Reserves v South Petherton Reserves, Netherbury v Crewkerne Town Reserves. Other teams all byes.

Daisy Hutchings cup

Last 16 draw to be confirmed.

Tommy Tabberer cup

Round one ties: Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hounds, Dowlish & Donyatt v Thorncombe. Other teams all byes.

Jack Venn cup

Round one ties: Charmouth v Dowlish & Donyatt, Pymore v Chard United. Other teams all byes.

Bill Bailey cup

Millwey Rise Reserves v Ilminster Town A, Lyme Regis Bantams v Combe A, Hawkchurch United v Drimpton. All other teams byes.

John Fowler cup

Semi-finals: Millwey Rise Reserves v Lyme Regis Bantams, Hawkchurch United v Ilminster Town A.

Reg Eglon cup

Quarter-final draw to be confirmed.

Kenny Hodges cup

First round ties: Uplyme Reserves v Forton Rangers Reserves. Combe B through, other teams all byes.

League round-up
Premier

THE emergence of Winsham United has put severe pressure on Lyme Regis , currenly lying second, retaining the title for the first time in their 127-year history.

The Winsh, boosted by the arrival of midfielders Gary Warren and Matt Brown from Combe St Nicholas, are currently the only remaining unbeaten team in the division.

Meanwhile six defeats already means South Petherton have little or no chance of adding to their impressive recent tally of four title in seven years.

Beaminster, Crewkerne Town and particularly Millwey Rise could yet mount a title challenge, but it is difficult to see beyond Winsham or Lyme lifting the trophy in May.

Top scorers: South Petherton (25), leakiest defence South Petherton (33), draw specialists: Shepton Beauchamp and Beaminster (3).

Division One

THERE appear to be four teams in the hunt for the division one title. Netherbury are top but third-placed West & Middle Chinnock are currently best-placed.

Misterton, currently second placed, are the only unbeaten side but may live to regret three away draws already.

Forton Rangers are fourth but have found scoring goals difficult in the last month.

Top scorers: Misterton (29), leakiest defence Crewkerne Town Reserves (28), draw specialists: Misterton (3).

Division Two

UNBEATEN Uplyme would be top but for four draws. Dowlish & Donyatt are the current leaders and could we be there or thereabouts next May.

Look out for Chard United, Pymore, Crewkerne Rangers and even Thorncombe mounting a challenge for a promotion spot.

Top scorers: Pymore and Dowlish & Donyatt (31), leakiest defence Chard Rangers (29), draw specialists: Uplyme (4).

Division Three

LUSO-CHARD, the league's top-scorers, are away an clear already at the top of division three.

But Winsham United Res are hitting some good form, Drimpton are still unbeaten and Combe A boast the league's top-scorer in Warren Gabbidon.

Top scorers: Luso-Chard (42), leakiest defence Misterton Res (51), draw specialists: Three teams (2).

Division Four

THERE'S been a lot of toing and froing at the top of division four.

It's difficult to see who will claim the two promotion spots, but it would appear they will come from Shepton Res, Thorncombe Res – both unbeaten, Barrington Res or Combe B.

Top scorers: Barrington Res (33), leakiest defence Uplyme Res (38), draw specialists: Barrington Res and Thorncombe Res (3).

RESULTS – November 24th

Division One cup SF (2pm)
Misterton 3 Barrington 1
Daisy Hutchings Cup – R1
Hinton 0 Combe A 7
Kenny Hodges Cup – R1
Crewkerne Rangers Res 0 Combe B 1

Tomorrow's preview
(WITH fingers firmly crossed for a full programme of scheduled games!).
Cup Matches

THERE are two Challenge Cup first round ties tomorrow.

Perry Street travel to Beaminster. The Mothers last won the competition five years ago when a Rob Webb goal secured a 1-0 over Lyme Regis at a wind-swept Forton.

The game at Brimgrove Lane looks likely to be a really close affair. Hosts' Shepton Beauchamp's impressive home record is well publicised while visiting Combe Reserves go into the game on the back of three straight wins. The pair drew 2-2 in the corresponding league game in September.

The day's only Tommy Tabberer game sees Thorncombe travel to Dowlish & Donyatt.

The hosts will be looking continue their good recent record in the competition in which they have reached the final in two of the last three seasons.

League

THE stand-out fixture is at Baker's Field where second-placed Winsham United, still boasting a 100 per cent record entertain current leaders and reigning champions Lyme Regis.

Lyme have won all three meetings, including last season's boxing day Coronation cup final, between the teams since 'the Winsh returned to the premier division. But Phil Loaring's side will no doubt go into the game full of confidence despite a 3-2 cup defeat at Crewkerne last time out.

In the day's other premier division game Ilminster Res will look to close the gap at the bottom of the table when they entertain Crewkerne Town. The Tigers could break into the top four with a victory.

With the top two inactive or in cup action a win at Perry Street Res will take West & Middle Chinnock up to top-spot in division one.

At the other end the bottom two meet when South Petherton Res welcome Beaminster Res.

The division two Ilminster Colts have a chance to edge away from the drop zone when they welcome unpredictable Charmouth. But fellow strugglers Chard Rangers entertain unbeaten Uplyme.

Match of the day in division three is undoubtedly at Drimpton where the hosts, currently third welcome second-placed Winsham Reserves.

Drimpton have kept three consecutive clean sheets but the last four fixtures between the sides have yielded 32 goals!

There could be goals at Hinton too where the Saints face the ;eague's top-scorers Luso-Chard.

Talking of top-scorers, Warren Gabbidon, with 10 in his last three games, will but hunting more goals as Combe A travel to Lyme Bantams.

Down in division four Barrington Res and Thorncombe Res tangle at Shelway Lane leaving Combe B and Shepton Beauchamp with opportunities to capitalise with wins against Farway Res and Uplyme Res respectively.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

(all 2pm kick-off unless stated.)

Devon Intermediate Cup East QF
Millwey Rise v Topsham Town 3rds
Priory v Farway United
Dorset Junior Cup – QF (1.30pm)
Normalair RSL Res v Netherbury
Waytown Hounds v Bourn'th Uni staff
Challenge Cup R1
Beaminster v Perry Street
Shepton Beauchamp v Combe Res
Tommy Tabberer Cup R1
Dowlish & Donyatt v Thorncombe
Premier
Ilminster Town Res v Crewkerne Town
Winsham United v Lyme Regis
Division One
Crewkerne Res v Forton Rangers
Lyme Regis Reserves v Barrington
Perry Street Res v W & M Chinnock
South Petherton Res v Beaminster Res
Division Two
Chard Rangers v Uplyme
Ilminster Town Colts v Charmouth
Pymore v Crewkerne Rangers
Division Three
Chard Utd Res v Millwey Reserves
Drimpton v Winsham Utd Reserves
Hinton v Luso-Chard
Lyme Regis Bantams v Combe A
Misterton Reserves v Ilminster A
Division Four
Barrington Res v Thorncombe Res
Combe B v Farway Utd Reserves
Forton Res v Kingsbury Episcopi
Uplyme Res v Shepton Beau Res

■ SUPPORT FOR MAGPIES: South Petherton manager Gordon Childs pictured receiving the club's new playing strip from Shah Mahbub Alom (left) and Jahangir Alom representing sponsors Bengal Fushion from Crewkerne.

Somerset Senior football

Chard Town to face Weymouth FC

ONLY one game survived in the entire Toolstation Western League division one programme with Cribbs Friends Life thrashing Warminster Town 7-1.

Chard Town, who saw their hopes of facing Cheddar slide away with the mud down the Zembard Lane slope, are the next opponents for Cribbs.

The Robins will be without the suspended Taoufik Ben salem but James Smith is likely to return between the sticks – kick-off in Bristol is 3pm.

◆ **Chard Town are officially switching on their new floodlights with a match on Tuesday, December 11th against Evo-Stik Southern Premier division outfit Weymouth FC.**

The match kicks-off at 7.30pm and will be preceded, at 6.45pm, by a reception for invited guests who helped contribute with the funding for the lights.

Over in the Somerset League there was a 100 per cent wash out.

Ilminster Town will hope to return to action with a seaside trip to Minehead (3pm kick-off).

The Blues will have to crack to division's most miserly defence that has been breached just nine times in their 10 league outings.

Player-manager Rob Sutton's squad is boosted by the return of Adam Manley from university and striker Chris Nezianya from injury.

Squad: Wayne Lewis, Chris Bussell, Jon Manley, Jon May, Jack Jennings, Alex Paul, Louis Gillman, Charlie Rutter, Jake Allen, Brad Miles, Adam Manley, Chris Nezianya, Paul Hardy.

Elsewhere, if results go their way, **Combe St Nicholas** could go fourth in division two (west) with a victory at Winscombe.

PSDL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis	7	5	1	1	13	16
Winsham United	5	5	0	0	10	15
Beaminster	8	4	3	1	4	15
Combe Reserves	8	3	2	3	2	11
Crewkerne Town	6	3	0	3	3	9
Shepton Beau	7	2	3	2	0	9
South Petherton	9	3	0	6	-8	9
Perry Street	7	2	2	3	-3	8
Millwey Rise	3	2	0	1	1	6
Ilminster Town Res	6	0	2	4	-10	2
Farway United	6	0	1	5	-12	1

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Netherbury	8	6	1	1	18	19
Misterton	8	5	3	0	16	18
W & M Chinnock	7	6	0	1	12	18
Forton Rangers	7	5	1	1	11	16
Barrington	7	4	0	3	4	12
Crewkerne Town Res	9	2	0	7	-11	6
Lyme Regis Res	5	1	2	2	-5	5
Perry Street Res	7	1	2	4	-12	5
Beaminster Res	9	1	1	7	-14	4
S.Petherton Res	7	1	0	6	-19	3

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	6	1	2	11	19
Uplyme	8	4	4	0	18	16
Chard United	8	4	3	1	11	15
Pymore	8	4	1	3	18	13
Crewkerne Rangers	7	4	0	3	3	12
Waytown Hounds	9	3	2	4	-14	11
Thorncombe	7	3	1	3	-3	10
Charmouth	7	3	1	3	-7	10
Ilminster Colts	8	1	1	6	-18	4
Chard Rangers	9	1	0	8	-19	3

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	10	9	1	0	27	25*
Winsham Utd Res	9	6	0	3	19	18
Drimpton	7	5	2	0	18	17
Combe A	8	5	1	2	16	16
Millwey Rise Res	9	4	1	4	17	13
Ilminster Town A	9	4	1	4	4	13
Lyme Bantams	8	3	2	3	2	11
Hawkchurch United	8	3	1	4	-5	10
Hinton St George	9	1	2	6	-33	5
Misterton Res	8	1	0	7	-40	3
Chard Utd Res	9	0	1	8	-25	2*

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Barrington Res	10	5	3	2	10	18
Combe B	9	5	2	2	4	17
Shepton Reserves	7	6	1	0	18	16*
Thorncombe Res	8	5	3	0	24	15*
Forton Reserves	10	4	0	6	-6	12
Farway United Res	7	3	1	3	-5	10
Kingsbury Episcopi	8	3	0	5	1	9
Crewkerne Reserves	8	2	1	5	-2	7
Uplyme Res	10	2	1	7	-24	7
Chard Rangers Res	9	1	2	6	-20	5

** = points adjusted*

TOOLSTATION Div 1

TOP	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hengrove	16	12	2	2	31	38
CHARD Town	18	12	0	6	17	36
Shepton Mall	17	11	2	4	16	35
Calne Town	18	10	3	5	15	33
Cribbs FL	15	9	3	3	14	30
Corsham	16	8	4	4	11	28
Oldland Abb	15	8	1	6	6	25
Portishead	16	7	3	6	2	24
Roman Glass	17	6	6	5	-1	24
Keynsham	16	7	3	6	-4	21*
Sherborne	11	5	5	1	14	20
Bradford T	15	6	2	7	10	20
Cheddar	16	6	2	8	0	20
Elmore	15	5	5	5	-4	19*
Welton Rov	18	5	4	9	-16	19
Westbury U	16	4	5	7	-4	17
Warminster	18	4	4	10	-21	16
Almond'ry	15	3	4	8	-7	13
Devizes	19	3	3	13	-34	12
Shrewton U	15	2	3	10	-25	9
Wellington	14	1	4	9	-20	7

SOMERSET League

PREM Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Berrow	12	9	0	3	12	27
Cutters Frid	13	8	1	4	5	25
Nailsea Utd	12	7	2	3	12	23
Ashton & Ba	12	7	2	3	8	23
Street Res	9	7	1	1	11	22
Odd Down	14	6	1	7	-8	19
Minehead	10	5	3	2	9	18
Langford Rov	9	5	2	2	10	17
Shirehamptn	10	4	4	2	2	16
ILMINSTER	13	4	4	5	-4	16
Nailsea Town	11	5	0	6	-3	15
Weston St J	14	4	2	8	-9	14
Bishops Lyd	10	3	3	4	-2	12

DIV 2W Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Congresbury	11	9	1	1	22	28
Middlezoy	12	8	1	3	22	25
Well City Res	12	7	1	4	27	22
Portishead	10	7	1	2	24	22
Winscombe	10	7	0	3	8	21
Burnham Res	12	7	0	5	-8	21
Nailsea Utd	10	6	0	4	14	18
COMBE St N	12	5	3	4	5	18
Churchill Cl	12	5	1	6	-3	16
Weston St J	13	5	1	7	-19	16
Nailsea T Res	11	4	1	6	-5	13
Cheddar Res	10	4	1	5	-9	13

DEVON & EXE Div 1

DIV 1 top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
CHARD RES	10	8	1	1	23	25
Sidbury Utd	10	7	3	0	22	24
Tiverton Res	7	5	2	0	27	17
Bow AAC	7	5	1	1	11	16
Heavitree SU	9	5	1	3	1	16
Witheridge	6	5	0	1	11	15
Wellington	10	4	1	5	0	13

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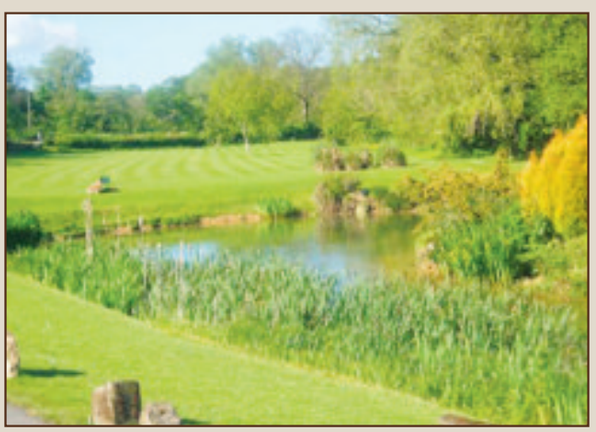

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